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MINUTES

OF AN ASSOCIATION

BY THE NAME OF THE

Stony Fork Baptist Association,

FORMED IN

WATAUGA COUNTY, N. C.,

November the 9th, 1860, and days following.

SALEM, N. C.
L. V. & E. T. BLUM, PRINTERS.
1860.

MINUTES.

The Churches at Buffalo Cove, Cool Spring, Elk, Stony Fork, and Yellow Hill, formerly belonging to different Associations, met by their respective delegates in conference at the Stony Fork Church, November 9th, 1860.

The meeting was organized by appointing Elder LARKIN HODGES, *Moderator*, and bro. ELIJAH TRIVITT, *Clerk*.

On motion, invitation was given to visiting brethren: when brn. J. Barnes and W. F. Fairchilds accepted the invitation, took seats with us, and aided in council.

On motion, authorized the Moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session.

On motion, appointed Elder F. P. Carlton, and brn. Jesse Brown and James Watson, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee to arrange the business of the meeting, ready for to-morrow.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, to-morrow. Prayer by Elder F. P. Carlton.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 1860.

Met according to adjournment. After prayer by the Moderator, proceeded to business.

1st. Called on the Committee of Arrangement for report; who reported satisfactorily and was discharged.

2nd. On motion, appointed brn. L. Pipes, J. Pipes, and Calvin Carlton, a Committee of Finance, who reported they had received from the churches, $5 75; from br. J. Barnes, 25 cents, total $6 00.

3rd. On motion, appointed brn. Jesse Pipes, J. Brown, J. Watson and Calvin Carlton, a Committee on devotional exercise, who reported for to-morrow: 1st, L. Pipes; 2nd, L. Hodges; 3rd, F. P. Carlton; 4th, John Barnes.

4th. Appointed Union Meetings, as follows: One with the Cool Spring church, to commence on Friday before the first Saturday in August next; Elders L. Hodges, L. Pipes and br. John Barnes, with their pastor, to attend. One with the Buffalo Cove church, to commence on Friday before the 3rd Saturday in August next; Elders F. P. Carlton, L. Hodges, L. Pipes and bro. John Barnes to attend.

5th. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and have two hundred copies of the proceedings of this meeting struck and distributed according to contribution.

6th. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Stony Fork church, Watauga County, N. C., 2 miles East of the Deep Gap of the Blue Ridge, to commence on Friday before the 4th Lord's-Day in August, 1861. Appointed Elder L. Pipes to deliver the introductory sermon; L. Hodges his alternate.

7th. Took up the Constitution, as follows.

8th. Rules of Decorum.

9th. Abstract of Principles.

10th. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the brethren and friends of this vicinity, for their hospitality manifested towards us during this Association.

11th. On motion, adjourned to time and place appointed.—Prayer by Elder L. Pipes.

LARKIN HODGES, *Moderator.*

ELIJAH TRIVITT, *Clerk.*

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Numbers....	Contribut'n
Buffalo Cove,	Thomas S Robbins and Jesse Pipes,	40	1 00
Cool Spring,	Jesse Brown and David Michæl,	15	1 00
Elk,	Larkin Pipes,	17	50
Stony Fork,	Larkin Hodges, F. P. Carlton, and C. Carlton,	81	1 75
Yellow Hill,	James Watson and John Kees,	54	1 50

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Stony Fork Baptist Association.

To be governed by the Word of God only.

Any church wishing to become a member of this body, after examination, being found orthodox and sound in the faith and orderly, may be received by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Any individual member wishing to become a member of any church of this body, after examination by the church, and being found orthodox and in good standing, and having been baptized by immersion previous to the time, may be received by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

SYSTEM OF THE STONY FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

As the communion of Saints, so the communion of churches, is a desirable blessing, to obtain and promote which ought to be the endeavor of all the people of God. Although churches formed on the gospel plan are independent of each other, with regard to power, yet not so, strictly speaking, with regard to communion; for as saints in general have a right to share in each others gifts and graces, so have churches. In this joint capacity, it is a general rule to do good and communicate, and forget not. *Heb.* 13*th chapt. and* 16*th verse.* Which is applicable in a particular manner, to churches, as such. In order more amply to obtain this blessing of communion, there ought to be a coalescing or uniting of several churches into one body, so far as the local situation and other circumstances will admit. But as it is impracticable for all the individual members, thus to associate and coalesce together, the churches should each respectively choose and delegate some of the most able, pious,

and judicious from amongst themselves, and particularly their ministers, to convene at such times and places as may be thought most conducive to the great end proposed, to act as their representatives in the general assembly; their expenses ought to be defrayed by the churches which send them. These delegates, at their first meeting, are to enter into covenant with each other as the representatives of the churches for the promotion of Christ's cause in general, and the interest of the churches they represent in particular. They should form their plan of operations, and fix the most proper place and time for meeting in future. Although such a conjunction of churches is not expressly commanded in scripture, yet it receives sufficient countenance and authority from the light of nature and the general laws of society, but more especially from a precedent established by the apostolic authority, recorded in Acts 15th chapt: An Association thus formed, is a reputable body, as it represents not a city, country or nation, but the churches of Jesus Christ. She is by no means to be deemed a superior judicature, vested with coercive power or authority over churches; she presumes not to impose her sentiments on her constituents, under pain of excommunication, nor anathemizes those who do not implicitly submit to her determination, which would be nothing less than tyranny, and better comport with the arbitrary spirit of Popish councils, than with the meekness which distinguished the true disciples and humble followers of the lowly, yet adored Jesus. The apostles, elders and brethren who composed the first christian councils, presumed not to impose their conclusions on the churches in such a lordly manner, but prefaced their determination with this modest prologue: "It seemed good, to the Holy Ghost and to us, to lay upon you no greater burdens than these necessary things. *Acts 15th ch. 28th v.*

The Baptist Association arrogates no higher title than that of an advisory council, consistent with which epithet she ought ever to act, when she acts at all, without intruding upon the rights of independent congregational churches, or usurping authority over them.—*Matt. 23rd chapt. 12th verse.* Nevertheless, the Association has a natural and unalienable right to judge for herself what churches shall be admitted into confederacy with her, and to withdraw from all acts of communion and fellowship with any church so admitted, provided such church obstinately persists in holding corrupt principles, or indulging vicious practices, notwithstanding all endeavors have been used to reclaim her.—*Ephes. 5th chapt. 7th verse. Rev. 18th chapter, 4th verse.*

An Association when transacting business, should proceed in the following manner:

Rules of Decorum.

1st. Always begin and end each session with prayer.

2nd. Admit none as messengers but such as come recommended by letter, well authenticated, from the churches to which they belong, or from whence they come.

3rd. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by ballot.

4th. When a church petitions by letter for admission, if approved of, the Moderator is to inform the messengers that their request is granted, and desire them to take seats.

5th. All who have any thing to offer, are to rise and address the Moderator.

6th. While one is speaking, the rest are to be silent, yet all have a right to speak in turn.

7th. No partiality or respect of persons is to be shown.

8th. Every matter should be canvassed with gravity, modesty, and a sincere aim after truth.

9th. When all are not agreed, the matter may be put to a vote, and a majority to determine.

10th. All queries, regularly sent by the churches, should be answered, if expedient.

11th. All matters proposed, relative to the general good of the churches, should be seriously attended to.

12th. Every transaction should be conformable to the revealed will of God.

13th. The transactions of the Association shall be sent to all the churches in the confederation, with which may be sent a circular letter, if thought expedient.

14th. By the Association, the churches may have such doubts as arise among themselves cleared, which will prevent disputes. *Acts* 15*th chapter*, 28*th verse.*

15th. They will be furnished with salutary counsels.—*Prov.* 11*th chapter*, 14*th verse.*

16th. The churches will be more closely united in proving the cause of Christ.

17th. A member who is aggrieved, through partiality or any other wrong received by the church, may have an opportunity of applying for direction.

18th. A Godly and sound ministry will be encouraged, while a ministry that is unsound and ungodly will be discountenanced.

19th. There will be a reciprocal communion of these gifts. *Phil. 4th, 15th.*

20th. Ministers may be alternately sent out to preach the gospel to those that are destitute. *Gal. 2nd, 9th.*

21st. A large party may draw off from the church by means of an intruding minister, or otherwise; and the aggrieved may have no way of obtaining redress but from the Association.

22nd. A church may become heretical, with which her godly members can no longer communicate, yet cannot obtain any relief, but by the Association.

23rd. Contentions may arise between sister churches which the Association is most likely to remove.

24th. The churches may have candidates for the ministry properly tried by the Association.

These and other advantages arising from an Association must induce every Godly church to desire union with such a body; but should any stand off, it would argue much self-sufficiency, and little or no desire after the unity of the spirit as mutual edification.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1st. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God-head, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

2nd. We believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from the fallen state which he is in, by his own ability.

4th. We believe that salvation is only by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

5th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances instituted by Jesus Christ, and should be practiced by all true believers.

6th. We believe that the only true mode of baptism is by immersion, and that true believers are the only subjects.

7th. We believe in the final perseverance of the saints in grace to glory.

8th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment.

9th. We believe that the happiness of the righteous, and the punishment of the unrighteous, will both be eternal.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th, 1890.

Met pursuant to last year's adjournment. After reading and singing by Elder E. M. Gragg, and prayer by Elder A. C. Farthing the introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder E. M. Gragg; Text, Isaiah, 49: 8.

1st. After 15 minutes intermission the Delegates assembled in the church-house and were called to order by singing and prayer by Elder Asa Brown.

2nd. Received and read letters from all the churches represented, and enrolled the names of Delegates. Bro. W. T. Land was appointed to assist the Clerk in reading the letters.

3rd. Elected Elders E. M. Gragg, Moderator, and Wm. M. Lee, Clerk. Elders A. C. Farthing and J. F. Davis, acting as tellers.

4th. Extended an invitation to Churches wishing to unite with this Association, when a newly instituted Church, by the name of Gap Hill Baptist Church, presented a petitionary letter, which, after remarks and some information being given, was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to its delegates.

5th. Read Rules of Decorum.

6th. Invited Corresponding Messengers to seats. Elder A. C. Farthing, from the Three Forks, and Brethren T. C. Land, and Wm. A. Fairchild, from the Brushy Mountain Associations, accepted.

7th. Invited visiting Ministers and Brethren to seats. Elders Asa Brown, J. F. Davis, J. M. Payne, G. W. Greene, John Morris, and Bros. C. S. Farthing, and W. R. Moore, from Three Forks, Bros. D. C. Woodruff, and W. F. Gregory, from the Primitive, and Elder J. B. Phillips, from the Caldwell County Associations, accepted.

8th. Instructed the Moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session, unless otherwise ordered; when he announced the following:

On Devotional Exercises.—John Beshears, and W. T. Land, with the Delegates of Mt. Vernon Church.

On Finance.—Joseph Hodges, R. H. Pipes, and T. R. Greene.

On Resolutions.—L. Pipes, John F. Eller, and Isaac Miller.

On Sunday-Schools.—T. L. Day, John Beshears, and Richard Hays.

On Order of Business.—L. Pipes, S. T. Carroll, W. N. Church, Isaac Miller, John F. Eller, with Moderator, Clerk, and Corresponding Messengers.

On Correspondence.—G. L. Storie, Thomas Hawkins, and Wm. Eller.

On Baptist Orphanage.—Thomas McGuire, T. L. Day, and W. T. Land.

9th. On motion, Discontinued the writing of Corresponding letters.

10th. The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that Elders Asa Brown preach Saturday at 10 o'clock a. m.; James Parsons at 11:30 a. m., and J. F. Davis at 1 o'clock p. m. W. T. Land, Chairman.

11th. Adjourned to Saturday 9. o'clock a. m. Prayer and Benediction by Elder J. F. Davis.

Saturday a. m. September, 13th, 1890.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Singing and prayer by Elder James Parsons.

1st. Called the roll and marked absentees.

2nd. Committee on Order of Business reported satisfactorily, and Committee discharged.

3rd. Agreed to take up the items as they stand unless otherwise ordered.

4th. Read Minutes of yesterday, which were adopted.

5th Corresponding Messengers report as follows; Elders John F. Eller, and James Parsons, visited the Mountain Union Association, and were received in love; the question sent from this Association was unnoticed. Elders S. T. Carroll, John F. Eller, and E. M. Gragg, attended the Three Forks, and were kindly received, with the letter from this Association Wm. M. Lee, James Parsons, and J. L. Johnson, attended the Primitive Association, and were kindly received. Report received.

6th. Extended invitation to Correspondents and visitors, none accepted.

7th. Committee on Resolutions submitted their report which after remarks, was amended, and then adopted.

REPORT.

I. *Resolved*, That we consider the propriety of holding Fifth Sunday Meetings in our Association.

II. *Resolved*, That we recommend the ministers of our Association to preach together as much as possible, and hold protracted meetings when thought advisable, being guided by the Spirit of Christ.

III. *Resolved*, That we advise our churches to be more liberal in the support of our Pastors.

IV. *Resolved*, That as the use of intoxicating liquors, by members of our churches is so injurious to their influence, we advise our churches to labor more earnestly to reclaim their members from such an evil practice.

V. *Resolved*, That we return our sincere thanks to the Brethren, Sisters and Friends of this community, for their kind hospitality, during this session of our Association.

LARKIN PIPES, Chairman.

8th. Committee on Sunday Schools offered the following report.

We, your Committee on Sabbath-Schools, advise all our Churches to appoint one energetic Superintendent and make it his duty to Superintend the School of his church; and we recommend the study of the Holy Scripture with the Kind Words Lesson Helps. We are glad to see a growing interest in this good work and we would impress it on our Brethren and Sisters, that the cause of Christ demands all possible efforts that we can put forth in this direction.

R. S. Hays,
John Beshears,
Thos. L. Day,
Committee.

Report adopted

9th. Committee on Correspondence, reported as follows, viz.:

Elder Wm. M. Lee and Bro. W. T. Land to visit the Brushy Mountain; Elder John F. Eller, Isaac Miller, and E. M. Gragg to visit the Three Forks; Elders John F. Eller, Isaac Miller, and Bro James Robinson to visit the Mountain Union; and Elders Wm. M. Lee, and W. N. Church, to visit the Primitive Associations.

Wm. Eller, Chairman.

10th. On motion, messengers to the Mountain Union Association were authorized and required to write a letter to the Mountain Union Association, asking them to consider their reception of the Elk Knob Church into their union.

11th. Committee on Devotional Exercises reported, which report was received and Committee discharged, viz.: For Sabbath, Elder L. Pipes will preach at 10 o'clock a. m. 2nd. Elder A. C. Farthing at 11:30 a. m. 3rd. Elder Wm. M. Lee at 1 o'clock p. m.

W. T. Land, Chairman.

12th. Treasurer of last year submitted the following report which was received.

Received from the association last year,

Minute fund,	$18 46
Paid for printing minutes, mailing expense and paper,	16 46
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	$ 2 00
Associational mission fund,	12 25
Paid to Home Missions last year,	12 25

Respectfully, WM. M. LEE, Treasurer.

13th. Committee on Finance reported the following which was received and Committee discharged,

Received from the churches for minutes,	$16 45
Received from Treasurer of last year,	2 00
Total amount for printing minutes,	$18 45
Paid the Clerk for his services,	4 00
Left in Treasurer's hands,	$14 45

Received for Associational Mission the following:

From Buffalo Cove Church,	$ 5 00
" Laurel Fork Church,	3 50
" Mount Vernon Church,	3 50
Total received,	$12 00
Received for Baptist Orphanage:	
From New River Church,	$ 2 05
Total amount for all purposes,	$32 50

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. HODGES, Chairman.

14th. On motion, requested Elder A. C. Farthing to take up a collection at the close of his sermon to-morrow for the benefit of Bro. Smith Carroll, who is blind.

15th. On motion, appointed the Clerk Treasurer, and to superintend the printing of these minutes.

16th. Committee on Baptist Orphanage submitted the following report, which after remarks by Elders Asa Brown, A. C. Farthing, Wm. A. Fairchild, and others, was adopted, viz:

1st. *Resolved*, That we advise all the churches that compose this Association, to look after and annually take up collection for the benefit of the Baptist Orphans at Thomasville under the care of Bro. J. H. Mills.

2nd. That we advise our ministers to fully acquaint the churches with the objects and benefits of this Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted.

W. T. Land, Chairman

A collection was taken up by Elder Asa Brown at once for the benefit of the orphan children at Thomasville which amounted to two dollars and thirty-two cents.

17th. Committee on Obituaries submitted one which was received and ordered to be printed.

OBITUARY OF BRO. J. J. OLIVER.

Whereas, the Alwise Creator in his infinite wisdom has been pleased to remove from among us our much esteemed Brother, J. J. Oliver, who died September the 5th, 1889, in the forty-first year of his age ; and, whereas, it is with sadness that we record the death of so faithful and beloved Brother in the Lord who for twenty years has been a faithful member of the church and had been a Deacon for about six months.

Resolved, 1st. That we submit with Christian submission, to the will of Him who doeth all things well; and while we shall never again on earth behold his face as we once did, yet his Christian example will never be forgotten by us, but will remain a bright spot in the memory of his friends who are permitted to survive him.

2nd. That while we mourn the loss of our Brother, we feel that our loss is his gain and that he has passed over the River to join those who have gone before where God shall wipe away all tears, and where there shall be no more pain nor death.

3rd. That as the church, we tender our heart-felt sympathy to his much beloved wife and children who are left to mourn their loss assuring them that our prayers are, that they may bear their loss with a Christ-like spirit and that they may say in the language of our Saviour, " Thy will be done."

S. T. Carroll,
I. C. Miller,
Committee.

18th. Association Missionary reported as follows, viz: Labored 95 days, traveled 867 miles, preached 65 sermons, delivered 27 exhortational addresses, assisted in ordaining 2 deacons, and in baptizing 8 persons; organized one Sunday-School, and delivered 3 Sunday-School addresses, preached six Funeral sermons, visited 10 churches and 2 Associations. Received from Mt. Paran Church $9 00 and from New River Church 85 cts. Total $9.85

Respectfully Submitted,

WM. M. LEE.

19th. On motion, took a collection to further remunerate Wm. M. Lee, which amounted to $1.66.

20th. Appointed the next Association to be held with the Watauga Church, 12 miles southwest direction from Boone, Watauga County, N. C., to convene on Friday before the second Lord's day in September, 1891. Appointed I. C. Miller, to preach the Introductory Sermon, and H. A. Blankinship, alternate.

21st. Appointed Wm. M. Lee, W. T. Land, and I. C. Miller, a Committee on Programme of Fifth Sunday Meeting to be held with Stony Fork Church, Watauga County, N. C., to commence on Friday before the fifth Sunday in November, 1890.

22nd. Read minutes of to-day which were approved, by allowing the Clerk to make any necessary correction.

23rd. Adjourned to time and place appointed for the next Association. Prayer, singing and an old-fashioned hand-shaking closed the services.

E. M. GRAGG, Moderator.

WM. M. LEE, Clerk.

SUNDAY A. M. SEPTEMBER, 14th, 1890.

First sermon delivered by L. Pipes; text, Eph. 2: 7. Second sermon delivered by A. C. Farthing; text, Psalms 34: 9. At the close of Elder A. C. Farthing's sermon, a collection was taken up for the benefit of Bro. Smith Carroll, which amounted to $7.50. The rain began to fall and the meeting closed. May Peace and Love ever abound among us.

CLERK.

PREACHERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ORDAINED.

Blankinship, H. A.,
Coffey, L. D.,
Church, John Wm.,
Church, W. N.,
Carroll, S. T.
Eller, John F.
Greer, L. W.,
Greene, S. F.,
Gragg, E. M.,
Hays, R. S.
Lee, Wm. M.,
Miller, I. C.,
Owens, D. B.,
Pipes, Larkin,
Pipes, W. R.,
Pilkinton, James,
Wilson, Levi,
Walker, W. R.

LICENTIATES.

Brashaw, James,
Harrison, Wm. H.
Hartly, R. A.,
Rich, Wade,
Woodruff, Geo. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 1.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.		
Boone's Fork,	E. D. Crisp and J. Phillips,	W. H. Gragg,	Globe,	N. C.
Buffalo Cove,	L. B. Carlton,	T. M. Hawkins,	Buffalo Cove,	" "
Elk,	I. C Miller,	W. T. Land,	Elkville,	" "
Gap Hill,	W. F. Carlton,	Finley Parsons,	Wilbar,	" "
Laurel Fork,	E. M. Gragg,	G. L. Storie,	Aho,	" "
Liberty.	John F. Eller,	John Keller,	Beech Creek,	" "
Mt. Vernon,	E. M. Gragg,	Thos. L. Day,	Bamboo,	" "
Mt. Zion,		E. G. Penley,	Globe,	" "
Mt. Paran,	Wm M. Lee, W. N. Church,	Lat. W. Greene,	Stony Fork.	" "
New Hopewell,	J. M. Payne,	Silas C. Coffey,	Gragg,	" "
New River,	Asa Brown, Wm. M. Lee.	J. S. Brown,	River Side,	" "
Poplar Grove.	John F. Eller,	J. M. Hodges,	Boone,	" "
Stony Fork,	Wm M. Lee,	W. E. Greene,	Stony Fork,	" "
Union,	John F. Eller,	William Eller,	Zionville,	" "
Watauga,	E. M. Gragg,	A. C. Caloway,	Foscae,	" "
Yellow Hill,	Wm. M. Lee,	H. H. Church,	Idlewild,	" "

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 2.

CHURCHES.	Ordained Ministers.	Licentiates.	DELEGATES.	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Church Meetings.	Contribution for Minutes.	Contribution for Missions.	Contribution for Orphanage.
Boone's Fork,			J. L. Gragg, W. H. Gragg	9	4	2	6		1	50	3	$ 1 20		$
Buffalo Cove,	2		Larkin Pipes, R. H. Pipes, T. M. Hawkins	16			2	3		118	1	1 00	$ 5 00	
Elk,			W. T. Land	3	1		1			45	3	75		
Gap Hill	1		W. R. Glass, Finley Parsons	11						17	3	50		
Laurel Fork	1		Levi Wilson, Wm. Ford, Thos. Coffey, G. L. Storie	13	4		3	1		70	3	1 50	$ 3 50	
Liberty			Hiram Burton		1		10	4	1	34	2	50	$ 3 50	
Mt. Vernon		3	Jordan Hampton, J. W. Harrison, T. L. Day	4					1	84	4	1 50		
*Mt. Zion											2			
Mt. Paran	1		Lat. W. Greene, Allen Watson, G. W. Watson		9		4	1		45	1	1 00		
New Hopewell,	2		R. S. Hays	7	3	2		1		49	1	80		
New River			C. C. Phillips, J. T. McGuire	6						26	2	65		2 05
Poplar Grove			W. B Greene, J. M. Hodges	8	4		1	2	2	61	4	1 00		
Stony Fork,	2		S. T. Carroll, I. C. Miller, T. R. Greene		1		4	2	1	106	2	1 50		
Union	1		John F. Eller, David Layel, William Eller	10	3		1	6	3	83	1	1 50		
Watauga	1	1	E. M. Gragg, T. J. Reed	5	4	2			1	93	2	1 20		
Yellow Hill	7	1	Wm. M. Lee, W. N. Church, John Beshears.		4	2	4	2		100	3	1 85		
Total	16	18	5	35	92	38	8	36	22	10	974		$16 45	$12 00	$ 2 05

*Was not represented this year.

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COMPILED BY WM. M. LEE, CLERK, SUMMIT, N. C.

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MINUTES

Boone's Fork Church, September 8th, 1893.

1st. Met according to appointment of last year. Elder C. S. Farthing conducted the opening exercises by reading the 42nd Psalm, and prayer. Elder S. T. Carroll preached the Introductory Sermon from Malachi 3 : 2, 3.

2nd. After 20 minutes intermission, the delegates met in the house, and were called to order by reading part of the 119th Psalm, and prayer by Elder J. F. Davis.

3rd. Read letters from all the Churches represented, and enrolled the names of delegates, Bro. W. E. Greene assisted the Clerk in reading the letters.

4th. Elected Elders E. M. Gragg, Moderator, and Wm. M. Lee, Clerk, Elders E. D. Crisp and C. S. Farthing acted as tellers.

5th. Invited Churches wishing to unite with this Association. None present.

6th. Invited Corresponding Messengers to seats. Elder C. S. Farthing and Bro. G. P. Sherrell from Three Forks Association accepted.

7th. Invited visiting ministers and brethren to seats. J. I. Hays and E. D. Crisp from Caldwell County Association, D. B. Owens from Brushy Mountain, J. F. Davis, John Norris, W. F. Knight, Edmond Greene and J. M. Payne from Three Forks, and James Robinson from Stony Fork Association accepted.

8th. Instructed the Moderator to make all temporary appointments, and he announced the following:

On Devotional Exercises—W. E. Greene and David Layell with the delegates of Boone's Fork Church.

On Finance—J. M. Hodges and Jerry Harrison.

On Sunday Schools—C. S. Farthing, Isaac Watson and J. F. Davis.

On Order of Business—S. T. Carroll, John F. Eller, W. N. Church, H. H. Church, and George Trivett, with the Moderator, Clerk, correspondents and visiting ministers and brethren.

On Resolutions—I. C. Miller, W. T. Pipes, Allen Watson and E. D. Crisp.

On Orphanage—W. E. Greene, R. H. Pipes, G. P. Sherrell and Wm. H. Calloway.

On Correspondence—A. J. Shull, J. F. Church and J. M. Hodges.

On Temperance—J. M. Payne, John Norris and Thomas F. Greer.

On Missions—E. D. Crisp, D. B. Owens and A. C. Calloway.

9th. Committee on Devotional Exercises reported for Saturday: G. W. Trivett will preach at 10 o'clock, a. m., and John F. Eller at 12 o'clock, m.

10th. On motion, adjourned to meet Saturday 9 o'clock, a. m. Singing and prayer. E. D. Crisp leading. Benediction by C. S. Farthing.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, 1893.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Singing and prayer, led by Edmond Greene.

1st. Called the roll and marked absentees.

2nd. Read and adopted the minutes of yesterday.

3rd. Report of Committee on Order of Business was read and adopted.

4th. Extended invitation to correspondents and visitors, J. D. Crisp, a correspondent from Mitchell county Association; Thomas Miller, visitor from Stony Fork; and C. Durham, corresponding secretary accepted seats.

5th. Corresponding Messengers reported. viz: John F. Eller, Wm. M Lee and E. M. Gragg, visited the Three Forks Association. Report received and Messengers discharged.

6th. Those appointed to visit the Centennial of Missions held at Raleigh last year, reported that they did not attend. Report received and visitors discharged.

7th. Treasurer of last year reported as follows:

Received of the Association:	
Minute Fund,	$13 25
Orphanage,	9 64
Private contribution for Orphanage,	3 32
Foreign Mission Fund, for G. W. Greene,	7 21
Total,	$33 42
Paid for printing minutes:	
Mailing expenses and paper,	$13 25
To C. Durham, for G. W. Greene,	7 21
To E. J. Edwards, for Orphanage,	12 96
Total,	$33 42

WM. M. LEE, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

8th. Report on Orphanage:

The Orphanage is the property of the Baptists of North Carolina. There are at the Orphanage 133 children at present. Those children are dependent on the good people of North Carolina for food, clothing and education. Will the good brethren of the Stony Fork Association the coming year contribute liberally for the support of the children? We

earnestly insist on the pastors of this Association to lay the matter before their churches and urge the members to discharge their duty in this respect.

W. E. GREENE,
R. H. PIPES,
G. P. SHERRELL,
WM. H. CALLOWAY, } COM.

Report adopted. Collection of $1.65 taken for Orphanage.

9th. Report on Resolutions was read and adopted:

I. Resolved, That the churches of the Stony Fork Association earnestly urge the brethren and sisters to attend their church meetings as advised by the Apostles.

II. Resolved, That we return our sincere thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their kind hospitality during this session of the Association.

We also adopt the Resolutions of last year, viz:

III. Resolved, That the Churches of the Stony Fork Association take the Old and New Testament Scriptures for the man of their council and stand in the Way and inquire for the old path and walk therein, and earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, and not follow the traditions of men for filthy lucre's sake.

IV. Resolved, That the ministers of this Association teach and practice "Foot" washing in all of the churches as taught in the Scriptures.

I. C. MILLER,
ALLEN WATSON, } COM.
W. T. PIPES,

10th. The following is the report on Sunday Schools:

Seeing that a number of the churches in this Association do not report Sunday Schools, we would recommend that a more earnest effort be made by the churches in the Sunday School cause, as it is one of our most useful means of teaching the Bible and training our members in the Master's cause.

J. F. DAVIS,
I. S. WATSON, } COM.

Report adopted.

11th. Intermission, Rev. C. Durham (instead of John F. Eller) preached an interesting sermon from the text, "As I was busy here and there, he was gone."

12th. Moderator called the Association to order and resumed business.

13th. Committee on Temperance read their report:

Intemperance is a great evil in our land—one of the greatest evils the churches have to contend with. We believe the Baptists have accomplished a great work by the help of God in putting down drunkenness, but there is much to be done yet. We think the churches, by using greater zeal, can accomplish more by putting down this great evil. We earnestly insist that the ministers of the Association teach from the

pulpit the evils of intemperance and shun it as a deadly poison. We advise our churches to study God's Word, and deal with drunkenness accordingly.

J. M. PAYNE,
JOHN NORRIS, } Com.
T. F. GREER.

Report adopted.

14th. Brethren appointed to visit the Elk, and Gap Hill Churches were called on to report. I. C. Miller reported that he visited the Elk Church and found it without a pastor, but in working order. Report adopted and Brother Miller discharged.

15th. Report on Missions:

Our blessed Saviour's last command was, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." We, your committee, think the time has come that every disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ should realize the true import of this Great Command, and do all they possibly can to give the Gospel to all nations.

E. D. CRISP,
A. C. CALLOWAY, } Com.
D. B. OWENS.

After remarks by Brethern Crisp, Durham and Eller, the report was adopted.

16th. On motion appointed Brother C. Durham to take up collection on to-morrow for Brother G. W. Greene in China.

17th. Committee on Finance submitted the following report:

Received for Minutes, $15 35, for Orphanage, $12 16, and for Missions, 65 cents; total, $28 16. Allowed the Clerk for services, $3 50; total in Treasurer's hands for Minutes, Orphanage, and Missions $24 66.

J. M. HODGES,
J. W. HARRISON, } Com.

Report adopted.

18th. Committee on Correspondence read their report which was adopted:

Brethren John F. Eller, G. W. Trivett, S. T. Carroll and Wm. M. Lee to visit Three Forks; James Robinson and John F. Eller to Mountain Union, E. M. Gragg and John F. Eller to Mitchell county, and Wm. M. Lee and John F. Eller to visit the Brushy Mountain Association.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. HODGES,
J. F. CHURCH, } Com.
A. J. SHULL.

19th. On Motion the request of Gap Hill Church was not granted.

20th. Appointed Wm M. Lee and W. N. Church a committee to investigate the legality of Gap Hill Church receiving Brother J. M. Parsons by application.

21st. Appointed the next Association to be held with the Yellow Hill Church 2½ miles south-east of Philip's Gap in Wilkes county to begin on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1894. Appointed John F. Eller to preach the Introductory Sermon, G. W. Trivett, alternate.

22nd. Appointed the Clerk and Treasurer to superintend the printing of the minutes.

23rd. Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows for Sunday: Wm. M. Lee to preach at 10:30 o'clock, a. m. C. Durham to preach at 12 o'clock, m.

W. E. GREENE. Chairman.

24th. Read and adopted minutes of to-day.

25th. Adjourned to meet at time and place appointed for next Association. Singing and an old-fashioned handshaking and prayer by the Moderator closed the pleasant 32nd Session of the Stony Fork Association. Benediction by S. T. Carroll.

E. M. GRAGG, Moderator.

WM. M. LEE, Clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 10th. 1893.

Services were opened by C. S. Farthing reading the 1st Psalm and D. B. Owens leading in prayer. Wm. M. Lee, preached from 1st Cor. 3:21. C. Durham preached from St. John 1:14. At the close of the last sermon a collection was taken for Brother Greene in China. Benediction by C. Durham. May the Churches of the Association follow after the precepts and examples of Jesus, and may the labors of the Association be blessed to the saving of many souls. Amen.

CLERK.

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ORDAINED.—John W. Church, W. N. Church, S. T. Carroll, John F. Eller, S. F. Greene, E. M. Gragg, R. S. Hays, Wm. M. Lee, I. C, Miller, Larkin Pipes, James Pilkinton, Levi Wilson, and G. W. Trivett.

LICENTIATES.—James Bradshaw, R. A. Hartley, James Robinson, M. D. Miller, G. C. Woodruffe and T. J. Reed.

Statistical Table. No. 1.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.		
Boone's Fork..	E. D. Crisp...	W. H. Gragg,	Globe,	N. C.
Buffalo Cove...	I. C. Miller...	R. H. Pipes,	Buffalo Cove,	"
Elk.....		J. F. Johnson,	Elkville,	"
Gap Hill.....	W F. Carlton	J. M. Parsons,	Summit,	"
Laurel Fork....	C.S.Farthing	A. J. Shull,	Aho,	"
Mt. Vernon	E. M. Gragg.	Thos. L. Day,	Bamboo,	"
Mt. Paran.....	Wm. M. Lee..	I. S. Watson,	Stony Fork,	"
New Hopewell	J. M. Payne..	W. P. Coffey,	Gragg,	"
New River.....	I. C. Miller...	R. M. Phillips,	Riverside,	"
Poplar Grove..	John F. Eller	J M. Hodges,	Boone,	"
Rock Spring....	W. F. Knight	W. T. Pipes,	Darby,	"
Stony Fork....	Asa Brown...	W. E. Greene,	Stony Fork,	"
Union	John F. Eller	W. H. Eller,	Zionville,	"
Watauga.....	John F. Eller	W.H.Calloway,	Foscoe,	"
Yellow Hill.....	I. C. Miller...	H. H. Church,	Summit,	"

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 2.

CHURCHES.	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	DELEGATES.	Rec'v'd by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismise'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total	Church Meetings	Contributions for Minutes.	Contributions for Missions.	Contributions for Orphanage.
Boone's Fork	....	....	W. H. Gragg, J. F. Church, Thomas Coleman	9	4	....	4	1	1	51	3	1.00	5,40	*1.00
Buffalo Cove	1	....	F. P. Curtis, R. H. Pipes	6	....	2	....	1	4	88	4	.75	.....	1.25
Elk	....	....	J. L. Johnson	....	....	....	....	3	....	39	3	.30	.....	.....
Gap Hill	1	....	J. M. Pilkinton, J. M. Parsons	....	....	....	....	2	....	12	3	.50	.....	.....
Laurel Fork	1	....	W. S. Ford, T. F. Greer, A. J. Shull	8	4	....	2	2	....	82	3	1.50	.....	1.21
Mt. Vernon	....	2	J. W. Harrison, G. W. Vandike	1	2	....	6	2	1	84	4	1.50	.65	.65
Mt. Paran	1	1	I. S. Watson, Allen Watson, Wm. Minton	2	1	....	12	1	1	39	1	1.00	.....	1.00
New Hopewell	1	....	Joseph Coffey, D. O. Gragg	....	....	....	3	1	1	37	4	1.00	.....	.....
New River	....	....		1	2	....	....	1	....	29	2	.25	.....	.....
Poplar Grove	1	....	G. W. Trivett, J. M. Hodges	7	....	....	5	3	....	78	4	1.00	.....	.....
Rock Spring	....	....	W. T. Pipes, H. G. Pipes	....	3	....	3	....	....	22	3	.50	.....	1.00
Stony Fork	2	....	S. T. Carroll, I. C. Miller, W. E. Greene	1	3	....	5	....	1	87	2	1.50	.....	3.00
Union	1	1	John F. Eller, David Layell, W. H. Eller	27	4	....	11	3	1	145	1	2.00	43.00	1.30
Watauga	1	1	E. M. Gragg, W. C. Coffey, A. C. Calloway	....	1	....	....	2	4	91	2	1 20	.....	1.75
Yellow Hill	3	1	Wm. M. Lee, W. N. Church, H. H. Church	10	2	1	4	1	1	109	3	1.35	.....	.....
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*Paid by J. F. Church.

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MINUTES

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Thirty-Third Annnal Session

—OF THE—

STONY FORK

Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH THE—

YELLOW HILL CHURCH,

WILKES COUNTY, N. C.

September, 7th and 8th, 1894.

COMPILED BY WM. M. LEE, CLERK, SUMMIT, N. C.

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MINUTES

YELLOW HILL CHURCH, SEPT. 7TH, 1894.

Met according to appointment of last year. Elder John F. Eller conducted the opening exercises. Elder David Eller led in prayer. John F. Eller preached the Introductory Sermon from 1st Peter, 2:21.

After 30 minutes intermission, the delegates met in the house, and were called to order by the Moderator of last year. Prayer by Elder Geo. W. Trivett.

Read letters from all the Churches represented and enrolled the names of delegates. Bro. W. E. Greene assisted the Clerk in reading the letters.

Elected Elder E. M. Gragg, Moderator, and Elder Wm. Lee, Clerk. Elders David Eller and John Norris acted as tellers.

Invited Churches wishing to unite with this Association, when a newly constituted Church by the name of Beech Creek, presented a petitionary letter by its delegates, and on motion the church was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to its delegates.

Invited Corresponding Messengers to seats. Elders David Eller, from Mountain Union, John Norris, from Three Forks and Bros. G. W. Walsh and J. M. Parsons, from Brushy Mountain Associations, accepted.

Invited visiting ministers and brethren to seats, Elders James Parsons, from Blue Ridge, W. F. Carlton, from Brushy Mountain, L. White, from Watauga, and W. N. Church, from Stony Fork Association, accepted.

Instructed the Moderator to appoint all necessary committees, and he announced the following:

On Devotional Exercises: J. F. Church, with the pastor and delegates of Yellow Hill church.

On Order of Business: John F. Eller, G. W. Trivett, T. L. Day, I. C. Miller and Allen Watson, with the Moderator, Clerk, Correspondents and visiting ministers and brethren.

On Finance: W. H. Calloway and Jerry Harrison.

On Resolutions: W. T. Pipes, W. E. Greene, and W. H. Calloway.

On Orphanage: J. T. McGuire, David Eller, T. F. Greer.

On Correspondence: J. F. Church, R. H. Pipes, and J. M. Hodges.

On Sunday Schools: George Vandike, John Norris, and H. H. Church.

On Temperance: John F. Eller, G. W. Walsh, W. H. Eller, R. H. Pipes and Calvin Tucker.

On Missions: C. C. Phillips, W. F. Carlton, and J. M. Hodges.

On the Ministry: W. E. Greene, W. H. Calloway, W. H. Eller, J. M. Hodges and W. T. Pipes.

On Obituaries: Wm. M. Lee, I. C. Miller, T. L. Cook, and James Parsons.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported for Saturday: G. W. Trivett will preach at 11 o'clock, A. M., David Eller at 12:30, P. M., John Norris at 2 o'olock, P. M.

I. C. MILLER, Chairman.

Eugene Brown preached to-day at the stand.

On motion adjourned to meet Saturday, 9 o'clock, A. M., and spend 30 minutes in prayer. Service to be conducted by John Norris. Prayer by James Parsons. Benediction by Wm. M. Lee.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 1894.

Met pursuant to adjournment and spent 30 minutes in prayer; services conducted by John Norris, at the close of which the Moderator called the Association to order.

Called the roll and marked absentees. Read and adopted the minutes of yesterday. Report of Committee on Order of Business was read and adopted. Read Rules of Decorum.

Extended invitation to correspondents and visitors. Rev. Asa Brown and Bro. J. B. Hopkins, from Three Forks, Bro. I. S. Watson, from Stony Fork, and S. F. Greene, Hugh Phillip and W. H. McGuire, from Blue Ridge Associations accepted seats as visitors.

Corresponding Messengers reported satisfactorily and were discharged.

The Treasurer of last year submitted the following report which was adopted:

Received of the Association:

Minute Fund,	$11.85
Orphanage,	13.81
Foreign Mission,	2.15

Total Received,		$27.81
Paid for Minutes, Mailing expenses and paper,	$11.75	
To C. Durham, for G. W. Greene,	2.15	
To C. Durham, for Orphanage,	13.81	
Total,		$27.71

Balance in hands of Treasurer, .10

Respectfully, WM. M. LEE, Treasurer.

Committee on Orphanage reported as follows, viz:

The Orphanage is the property of the Baptists of North Carolina. There are at the Orphanage about 120 children. Those children are dependent on the good people for their support. While remembering those children at Thomasville, we hope the orphans of our own communities will not be forgotten. We would urge the churches in our Association to duly consider their duty in this respect.

All of which we respectfully submit.

J. T. McGUIRE,
DAVID ELLER, } Committee.
T. F. GREER.

After many and pointed remarks the report was adopted.

Committee on Resolutions read their report as follows, which was adopted:

I. Resolved, That the Churches of the Stony Fork Association earnestly urge the brethren and sisters to attend their Church meetings as advised by the Apostles.

II. Resolved, That all the Pastors and members of the different churches comply strictly with Baptist Discipline and deal with all members who violate the same.

III. Resolved, That the ministers of this Association teach and practice "Foot" washing in all the churches as taught in the Scriptures.

IV. Resolved, That we return our sincere thanks to brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their kind hospitality during this session of the Association.

WM. H. CALLOWAY,
W. T. PIPES. } Committee.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by H. H. Church, and after touching remarks by W. E. Greene and others, the report was amended and adopted as amended.

Report: Seeing that there have been some stronger efforts this year than in previous years, we would earn-

estly advise all the churches in this Association to make a stronger effort in the future in the Sunday School work. We believe the Sunday School work is the means of promoting morality and bringing many of our youths to Christ, therefore the churches are hereby advised to send short, full reports of the number of Officers, Teachers and students, and the amounts collected by the Sunday Schools for the different objects, so that the same may be printed in the minutes.

G. W. VANDIKE,
JOHN NORRIS, } Committee.
H. H. CHURCH,

Committee on Temperance read the following report:

We believe intemperance is the greatest evil we have in our country and churches, and is doing more to hinder the progress of the Gospel than all other evils combined. While all drunkards enter the awful vortex as dram drinkers, and while thousands of drunkards are filling drunkard's graves every year, we therefore urge upon all the members of the churches of this Associatioh, from the preacher and Sunday School teacher to the Sunday School boys and girls to use their united efforts to entirely eradicate this great evil from our churches.

JOHN F. ELLER,
CALVIN TUCKER,
W. H. ELLER, } Committee.
R. H. PIPES,
G. W. WALSH,

Report adopted.

Committee on Missions read their report, which was adopted:

We insist that all the Churches of the Stony Fork Baptist Association be more liberal in spreading the Gospel to all places of destitution, observing the special commands in the Bible, that we may do more for the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom in this world.

J. M. HODGES, Chairman.

Report of Finance Committee:

Received, for minutes:	
From the churches,	$13.17
From the Treasurer,	.10
Received, for the Orphanage:	
From the Churches,	$1.15
From Mt, Vernon S. S.,	$1.00
From T. L. Day,	.25

From N. E. Beshears,	.05
From Wm. M. Lee,	1.00
Total,	$16.72

WM. H. CALLOWAY, J. W. HARRISON, } Committee

Received for Foreign Missions: From Mt. Vernon Church, by T. L. Day, $1.17; Public collection, $2.39; Total, $3.56.

Committee on Correspondence submitted the following report:

Elders E. M. Gragg, John F. Eller and James Robinson to visit the Three Forks; D. B. Owens and James Robinson to visit Mountain Union; E. M. Gragg, John F. Eller and G. W. Trivett to visit Mitchell county, and Wm. M. Lee, D. B. Owens, and W. N. Church to visit Brushy Mountain Associations.

J. M. HODGES, J. F. CHURCH, R. H. PIPES. } Committee.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee appointed to visit Gap Hill Church:

Dear Brethren: We found that the Gap Hill Church had rescinded their act of receiving J. M. Parsons by application, and unanimously asked the Association to forgive them for being so hasty in receiving him.

Respectfully submitted, WM. M. LEE, W. N. CHURCH. } Com.

Bro. J. M. Hodges read the report on the Ministry:

We earnestly request that all the Ministers of the Stony Fork Baptist Association qualify themselves for the work of the Ministry, so as to be able to vindicate the Baptist Doctrine as we think it is taught in the Bible, observing the charge of Paul to his son Timothy. Also that the churches be more cautious in licensing and ordaining unqualified men for the work of the Ministry. We also ask that all the churches discharge their duty in enabling the Ministers to qualify themselves. J. M. HODGES, Chairman.

On motion continued the committee on Obituaries.

Appointed the Clerk Treasurer, and allowed him $3.50 for his services and advised him to have as many minutes printed and distributed as the money would get.

Appointed the next Association to be held with the

New River Church in Watauga county, N. C., to begin on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1895. Appointed G. W. Trivett to preach the Introductory Sermon, I. C. Miller, alternate.

On motion agreed to take up collection for Bro. Blaylock, who is in China on the Gospel Mission Plan.

Appointed Sunday School Mass Meeting to be held with the Yellow Hill Sunday School to-morrow at 8:30 o'clock, A. M., and appointed Brethren W. E. Greene and Eugene Brown to address the meeting.

Noticed the case of Poplar Grove Church receiving Bro. Silas Penly by application and advised the Church to rescind said act.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported for Sunday: E. M. Gragg to preach at 10 o'clock, A. M; John F. Eller and David Eller to close.

Read and adopted minutes of to-day.

Adjourned to meet at time and place appointed for the next Association. Singing and an old-fashioned handshaking, and prayer by Elder James Parsons closed the 33rd Session of the Stony Fork Association.

WM. M. LEE, CLERK. E. M. GRAGG, MODERATOR.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 9th, 1894.

Met with the Yellow Hill Sunday School. The School marched from the house to the stand and sang some beautiful pieces. Sister M. Walker read an excellent composition—Subject, "Love." Sisters Blackburn and McNeil each read good compositions, and Brethren W. E. Greene and Eugene Brown delivered touching addresses. Bro. Gragg being sick, and in the absence of the other brethren appointed to preach, Rev. Asa Brown preached an excellent sermon on the subject of Temperance. A collection was taken up for Bro. Blaylock in China. Some exhortational remarks by Brethren Miller and Church, and prayer by Wm. M. Lee closed the exercises.

CLERK.

The following churches reported Sunday Schools:

Buffalo Cove,	66 students.	Boone's Fork, average,	50.
Laurel Fork,	45 "	Mt. Vernon, 95, "	70.
Mt. Paran,	31 "	New River,	no report.
Poplar Gove,	50 av'r'ge, 35	Stony Fork, 95, av'ge,	45
Yellow Hill,	152 enrolled students.		

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ORDAINED—John W. Church, W. N. Church, Jonn F. Eller, E. M. Gragg, R. S. Hays, Wm. M. Lee, I. C. Miller, D. B. Owens, J. M. Pilkinton, G. W. Trivett, Levi Wilson.

LICENTIATES—James Bradshaw, W. H. Harrison, R. A. Hartley, M. D. Miller, James Robinson, C. Tucker, G. C. Woodruffe and Wm. A. Keller.

Statistical Table No. 1.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.		
Boone's Fork.	E. D. Crisp....	W. C. Craig,	Globe,	N. C.
Buffalo Cove..	I. C. Miller...	R. H. Pipes,	Buffalo Cove,	"
Beech Creek...	W. J. Potter..	W. R. Keller,	Beech Creek,	"
Elk.....	W. N. Church.	J. F. Johnson,	Elkville,	"
Gap Hill.....	J. W. Church.	J.M.Pilkinton,	Wilbar,	"
Laurel Fork...	C. S. Farthing	A. J. Shull,	Aho,	"
Mt. Vernon....	E. M. Gragg	Thos. L. Day,	Bamboo,	"
Mt. Paran.....	Wm. M. Lee...	I. S. Watson,	Stony Fork,	"
New Hopeweli				
New River	I. C. Miller...	J.M.McGuire,	Riverside,	"
Poplar Grove.	J. F. Davis.....	J. M. Hodges,	Boone,	"
Rock Spring...	I. C. Miller...	W. T. Pipes,	Darby,	"
Stony Fork....	S. T. Carroll..	W. E. Greene,	Stony Fork,	"
Union.....	John F. Eller.	W. H. Eller,	Sweet Water,	"
Watauga.....	E. M. Gragg.	Wm.H.Call'way,	Foscoe,	"
Yellow Hill....	I. C. Miller...	H. H. Church,	Summitt,	"

STATISTICAL TABLE, NO. 2.

CHURCHES.	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	DELEGATES.	Church Meetings.	Rec'ived by B'ptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismiss'd by Lett'r	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution for Minutes.	Contribution for Missions.	Contribution for Orphange.
Boone's Fork.	...	...	J. F. Church, W. H. Gragg	3	9	7	1	2			68	$1.00	$12.80	$
Buffalo Cove.	...	...	R. H. Pipes, T. S. Robins	4	2	2		4	1	1	80	1.00		
Beech Creek	...	1	Wm. A. Keller	1	8	1		8	2		10	.25		
Elk	...	...	J. L. Johnson, G. W. Johnson	3	3	2	1				42	.40		
Gap Hill	1	...		3							7	.45		
Laurel Fork	1	...	T. F. Greer	3	11	2	1				96	1.15		
Mt. Vernon	...	2	J. W. Harrison, G. W. Vandike, Thos. L. Day	4	19	4	6	4		1	108	1.50	1.17	†1.25
Mt. Paran	...	1	M. D. Miller, Thomas Miller, Allen Watson	1	3		2	7	1	1	39	.75		
New Hopewell	1	...		4										
New River	...	1	C. C. Phillips, Calvin Tucker, J. T. McGuire	1	6	4	1				40	.50	*200.00	
Poplar Grove.	1	...	G. W. Trivett, J. M. Hodges	3				7	2	1	69	.75		
Rock Spring	...	...	W. T. Pipes	4	3	2			1		26	50		
Stony Fork	1	...	I. C. Miller, W. E. Greene, T. L. Cook	2	39	3	1	5		1	139	1.55		
Union	1	1	John F. Eller, W. H. Eller, James Robinson	1	7	2	2	6	3	1	146	1.10	25.10	.40
Watauga	1	...	E. M. Gragg, Wm. H. Calloway	2		4	4	2	6		93	1.10		.75
Yellow Hill	4	1	Wm. M. Lee, David Mikeal, H. H. Church	3	15	9			1	1	130	1.17		‡1.05
16	11	7	31	42	125	42	19	45	17	7	1093	13.17	239 01	3.45

*For building Church House.
†Sunday School gave $1.00. T. L. Day, 25 cents.
‡Wm. M. Lee gave $1.00. N. E. Beshears, .05 cents.

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MINUTES

—OF THE—

Thirty Fourth Annual Session

——OF THE——

STONY FORK

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

——HELD WITH THE——

New River Church,

WATAUGA COUNTY, N. C.

SEPTEMBER, 6TH AND 7TH, 1895.

COMPILED BY WM. M. LEE, CLERK, SUMMIT, N. C.

1895:

THE YELLOW-JACKET PRINT,

MORAVIAN FALLS, N. C.

MINUTES.

New River Church, Sept. 6, 1895.

Met according to appointment of last year. Elder Geo. W. Trivett preached the Introductory Sermon from 1st Tim. 6 : 6. Elder D. C. Harmon led in prayer.

Adjourned 30 minutes, after which time the Association was called to order by the Moderator of last year. Elder John Crisp leading in prayer.

Read letters from all the Churches represented. Bro. W. E. Greene was appointed to assist the Clerk in reading the letters.

Elected Elders E. M. Gragg, Moderator, and Wm. M. Lee, Cleek. Elders D. C. Harmon and James Parsons acted as tellers.

Invited Churches wishing to unite with this Association, and a letter was handed in from Doe Ridge, which on motion was received.

Invited Corresponding Messengers to seats. L. W. Farthing and Solomon Younce from Three Forks Association accepted.

Invited Visiting Ministers and Brethren to seats. D. C. Harmon, C. S. Farthing, Harvey Doutherty, Geo. McGinnis, S. T. Carroll, John F. Eller, John Crisp, and A. Roten, from Three Forks; James Parsons, W. A. Blackburn and Calvin Tomlinson, from Blue Ridge, and Elzie Phillips, from Mountain Union—James Robinson and W. M. Church from Stony Fork Association, accepted.

Instructed the Moderator to appoint all necessary Committees and he announced the following:

On Devotional Exercises: James Robinson and J. F. Church, with the Pastor and Delegates of New River Church.

On Order of Business: J. M. Hodges, Geo. W. Trivett, Edmond Greene, with the Moderator, Clerk, Correspondents and visiting Ministers and Brethren.

On Finance: W. H. Eller and W. H. Calloway.

On Resolutions: D. C. Harmon, W. N. Church and C. S. Farthing.

On Orphanage: W. E. Greene, Solomon Younce and Thos. L. Day.

On Correspondence: Allen Watson and J. T. McGuire.

On Sunday Schools: R. L. Wagoner, L. W. Farthing and John F. Eller.

On Temperance: John Crisp, D. C. Harmon, J. F. Church and I. C. Miller.

On Missions: A. Roten, Finley Curtis, S. T. Carroll.

On Ministerial Aid: Wm. Eller, T. L. Day and Solomon Younce.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that John Crisp preach at the Stand to-day; and that C. S. Farthing preach at 11 o'clock A. M. and W. N. Church preach at 1 : 30 o'clock P. M. Saturday.

J. F. Church, Chairman.

On Motion adjourned to meet Saturday morning.

Closing Exercises conducted by Solomon Younce, John F. Eller led in prayer. Benediction by C. S. Farthing.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 1895.

Met pursuant to adjournment and spent 30 minutes in prayer Service conducted by C. S. Farthing. The Moderator called the Association to order.

Called the Roll and marked absentees.

Read and adopted the Minutes of yesterday.

Read report on Order of Business, which was adopted.

Extended invitation to Correspondents and Visitors.

Elders Asa Brown, from Three Forks, W. A. Woodruff, from Blue Ridge, and A. J. Swift, from Ston y Fork Association accepted as visitors.

Corresponding Messengers reported as follows: James Robinson, visited Three Forks; D. B. Owens, and James Robinson visited Mountain Union; and Wm. M. Lee, visited Brushy Mountain Associations, and were all kindly received.

The report was adopted.

The Treasurer of last year reported as follows, viz:

Received of the Association:

Minute Fund,	$9.77
Orphanage,	3.45
Foreign Missions,	3.56
Total Received,	$16.78

Paid for Minutes, Mailing expenses and paper,	$9.77
To W. E. Greene for Bro. Blalock, in China,	3.56
To Orphanage,	3.46
Total Paid out,	$16.78

Very Respectfully, Wm. M. Lee, Treasurer.

The Report was adopted.

On Motion Order of Business was suspended and the Report on Sunday Schools was read by L. W. Farthing. After touching remarks by several Brethren the Report was adopted.

Report: Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to offer the following report, That we believe it is the duty of every church to have a well organized evergreene Sabbath school, conducted by the church. That it is the duty of every member of the church to at-

tend and assist in carrying on the work, and to carry their children with them that they may be trained as it is taught in Ephesians 6th chapter and 4th verse. We also recommend the Sunday School Literature of the American Baptist Society; especially Cards for the Little Folks.

L. W. FARTHING,
J. F. ELLER,
R. L. WAGNER,
} Committee.

The Report on the Orphanage was read by W. E. Greene.

After many remarks the report was adopted.

Report: We regard the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C. as one of the most important Institutions fostered by our denomination, and worthy our prayers, sympathies and liberal contributions. There are now about 130 children in this Institution under the care and direction of Bro. J. D. Boone. These children are there to be fed, clothed and educated by the charities of us as a denomination. The fear that some of our people are not alive to the work as they should be. We also recommend all the churches in the association to send boxes of provisions &c. to those children this fall; and not neglect our Orphans at home.

W. E. GREENE,
SOLOMON YOUNCE,
THOS. L DAY,
} Committee.

Report on Temperance was read and after many pointed and touching remarks was adopted.

Report: Temperance is a christian grace. We are admonished in the scriptures to be temperate in all things; and Peter exorts us to add to knowledge, temperance. Our definition of temperance is, a moderate use of all things necessary, and a total abstinance from all things hurtful. It has been truthfully said that intoxicating drinks destroy more lives than wars, pestilence and famine. Of all the evils known to God's Word it is the sin of sins; because it is the only one for which it is said hell is enlarged. And when we visit our prisons, see the fellows confined there for crimes so terrible that one would shudder at their recital. When we visit our alms houses and see the helpless orphans, and our cities and see the degredation all around us, we enquire why is this? The answer nine times out of ten is STRONG DRINK, STRONG DRINK. But this is not all. Could we look beyond the shores of time and see the millions of lost souls writhing in eternal and hopeless despair, who were ruined by STRONG DRINK our hearts would sink within us. Brethren, let us arise in the might of our God and resolve to do more than ever before to crush this accursed evil. Let no church retain in its fellowship any one who makes, sells or uses intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN CRISP,
J. F. CHURCH,
I. C. MILLER,
D. C. HARMON,
} Committee.

On Motion, Order of Business was suspended, and noticed the request of Gap Hill and Rock Spring Churches asking for letters of dismission—their request was granted.

On motion adopted last year's Report on the Ministry, viz:

We earnestly request that all the Ministers of the Stony Fork Baptist Association qualify themselves for the work of the Ministry, so as to be able to vindicate the Baptist Doctrine as we think it is taught in the Bible, observing the charge of Paul to his son Timothy. Also that the churches be more cautious in licensing and ordaining unqualified men for the work of the Ministry. We also ask that all the churches discharge their duty in enabling the Ministers to qualify themselves.

Committee on Obituaries reported the Obituary of Elder Larkin Pipes, which was adopted.

OBITUARY.

Elder Larkin Pipes was born October 16, 1825. United with the Baptist Church at Elk, on the second Saturday in February, 1848. He was married to Elizabeth Lewis and from this union there were born to them three children, two sons and one daughter. He was set apart and ordained to the work of the Ministry by the Buffalo Cove Church, of which he was one of the charter members, on the 28th day of June, 1856. He died on the 3rd day of February, 1894, being 68 years, 3 months and 18 days old.

Bro. Pipes lived a consistant and orderly christian life. As a husband, he was affectionate, as a father, kind and indulgent, as a neighbor and citizen, obliging and law-abiding, seeking peace with all men. Although Elder Larkin Pipes was not educated, he preached the Gospel with power, and was devoted to the work of the Master. He performed Pastorial work, serving many churches, during his entire ministerial life. We think it may be truthfully said a good man has fallen, another servant of God has finished his labor and gone to his Reward. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them— for many years. We shared the wise counsel of our beloved Brother for many years, and altho' we so sadly miss him; yet our loss is his eternal gain; and although we shall meet him no more in this life, nor hear his voice as he so earnestly pointed the lost to a loving Savior; yet we bow with humble submission to the Divine will of an alwise Creator, and tender to the sorrowing ones our heartfelt sympathies.

Our Brother 's gone from us below,
And we his absence oft deplore;
For he was near and dear to us,
He was so kind, so good, so just.

Weep not dear christians nor complain,
For our great loss is his great gain;

He fought the fight of Christian True,
And then he bid us all adieu.

WM. M. LEE,
I. C. MILLER,
T. L. COOK,
JAMES PARSONS,
} Committee.

The Report on Missions was read, and after remarks by Rev. Asa Brown, was amended, and adopted as amended.

Report: We urge that the Churches of the Stony Fork Association be more liberal in spreading the Gospel to all destitute places, and that the members do what they can in seeing after the needs of their pastors, observing the special command in the Bible, that we may do more for the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom in this world. Ammendment: That the Association appoint a Missionary to work in the bounds of the Association and destitute places.

F. P. CURTIS, Chairman.

On Motion, appointed J. F. Church, Allen Watson and J. M. Hodges, a Committee to select a Missionary, who reported that, they had selected Elder I. C. Miller to preach to destitutions in the bounds of the Stony Fork Association.

On motion appointed a committee of five, viz: W. E. Greene, T. L. Day, J. F. Church, J.M.Hodges and R. H. Pipes to look after the work of Bro. I. C. Miller and strive to have him remunerated for his Missionary services.

The following Report on Resolutions was read by C. S. Farthing, viz:

I. Resolved, That we recommend the BIBLICAL RECORDER, published at Raleigh, N. C., the NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST, published at Fayetville, N. C., and the FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL, published at Atlanta, Ga., as worthy the patronage of every Baptist, and ought to be in every Baptist family.

II. Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the Brethren, Sisters and Friends of this church and vicinity for their kindness shown us during our session.

Respectfully submitted.

D. C. HARMON,
C. S. FARTHING,
W. N. CHURCH.
} Committee.

Report on Ministerial Aid was read by Solomon Younce, which was adopted.

Report: We are informed by some of the Brethren that we have some worthy young men in our Association, who are poor and are striving to get an Education to better qualify them for the Ministry; to wit, G. W. Trivett, D. W. Lee and A. C. Hamby, and perhaps others. We therefore recommend that the churches of this Association, do all they can to aid them in their efforts to qualify for the Ministry.

SOLOMON YOUNCE,
WM. ELLER,
THOS. L. DAY,
} Committee.

On Motion, agreed to take up a collection on to-morrow for three young ministers named in the report on Ministerial Aid.

The Association appointed the Clerk, Treasurer and instructed him to superintend the printing and distribution of these Minutes, and allowed him four dollars for his services.

Report on Finance was read by W. H. Calloway, which was adopted.

Report:	Received for Minutes:	$13.48
	Received for Orphanage;	
	From Union Church,	1.50
	From M. M. Lee,	.25
	From Wm. M. Lee,	.75
	Received for Foreing Missions:	
	From M. M. Lee,	.25
	Received for State Missions:	
	From M. M. Lee,	.25
	Received for Ministerial Aid:	
	From M. M. Lee,	.25
	From Wm. M. Lee,	.25
	Total,	16.98

WM. H. ELLER, }
WM. H. CALLOWAY, } Committee.

Received for Ministerial Aid: Public collection $1.68.

Committee on Correspondence submitted the following report:

Elders E. M. Gragg, I. C. Miller and Calvin Tucker to visit the Three Forks; Elders Wm. M. Lee, W. N. Church, G. C. Woodruff and Bro. H. H. Church, to visit Mountain Union; Rev. G. W. Trivett, J. F. Church and James Robinson to visit Mitchell County; and Elders Wm. M. Lee, W. N. Church and Bro. H. H. Church to visit Brushy Mountain Aossociation.

J. T. McGUIRE, }
ALLEN WATSON, } Committee.

The Association advised the Buffalo Cove Church to recind its act of receiving Bro. T. C. Curtis and advise Bro. Curtis to go to the church that excluded him and try for redress, and if he can not get it, to carry the cause to their Association.

Appointed the next Association to convene with Elk Church, in Wilkes county, N. C. to begin on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1896. Appointed I. C. Miller to preach the Introductory Sermon. Wm. M. Lee, Alternate.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported for Sunday: 1st D. C. Harmon to preach at 10:30 o'clock A. M., 2nd E. M. Gragg, 3rd John F. Eller to close.

On Motion, adjourned to meet at time and place appointed. Closing remarks by D. C. Harmon. Prayer by John F. Eller. Singing and hand-shaking closed the 34th Session of the Stony

Fork Baptist Association.

WM. M. LEE, Clerk. E. M. GRAGG, Moderator.

SEPTEMBER 8TH, 10: 30, A. M.

Met at the stand, singing by the congregation. Prayer led by L. W. Farthing. Singing led by C. S. Farthing. D. C. Harmon read 103 Psalm. C. S. Farthing led in prayer, singing led by Solomon Younce. D. C. Harmon preached from Luke 16: 19,31., E. M. Gragg from 1st Thess. 5:1,6. John F. Eller closed. CLERK.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Superintendants.	No. enrolled.	Av'g. atnds.	School Expes.
Boone's Fork	J. F. Church		50	$
Buffalo Cove	R. H. Pipes	102	49	6.30
Laurel Fork			50	
Mt. Vernon	J. W. Harrison		85	5.25
Mt. Paran	M. D. Miller	54	30	
New River	Calvin Tucker	31	16	
Poplar Grove		46	22	
Rock Spring	J. H. Pipes			
Stony Fork	R. L. Wagner	179	112	3.08
Union	Solom'n Younce	67	31	3.24
Watauga	L. Baird		25	.33
Yellow Hill	H. H. Church	126		
	Total,	605	470	$18.20

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ORDAINED—John Wm. Church, W. N. Church, E. M. Gragg. Edmond Greene, Wm. M. Lee, I. C. Miller, D. B. Owens, J. M. Pilkington, G. W. Trivett, C. Tucker, L. Wilson, G. C. Woodruff.

LICENTIATES—Andrew C. Hamby, W. A. Keller, Daniel W. Lee, M. D. Miller, James Robinson.

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 1.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks &	P. O.
Boone's Fork	J. M. Payne	W. C. Craig,	Globe, N. C.
Buffalo Cove	I. C. Miller	R. H. Pipes,	Buffalo Cove, "
Beech Creek	Jacob Younce	W. R. Keller,	Leander, "
Doe Ridge	Edmond Green	Elijah Trivett,	Norris, "
Elk	W. N. Church	J. F. Johnson,	Elkville, "
Gap Hill	Lee Miller	J. M. Pilkington,	Wilbar, "
Laurel Fork	J. M. Payne	A. J. Shell,	Aho, "
Mt. Vernon	David Greene	Thos. L. Day,	Bamboo, "
Mt. Parson	Wm. M. Lee	R. M. Watson,	Stony Fork, "
New Hopewell			
New River	I. C. Miller	J. M. McGuire,	Binerside, "
Poplar Grove	J. F. Davis	J. M. Hodges,	Boone, "
Rock Springs	S. F. Greene	W. H. Pipes,	Darby, "
Stony Fork	I. C. Miller	W. E. Greene,	Stony Fork, "
Union	C. S. Farthing	Wm. H. Eller,	Sweetwater, "
Watauga	Edmond Green	S. H. Gragg,	Grand Father, "
Yellow Hill	I. C. Miller	A. T. Lee,	Summit, "

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 2.

CHURCHES.	Ord'nd Minist'rs	Licentiates	DELEGATES.	Contributions for Ministerial Aid.	Church Meetings	Rcvd. by Baptism	Rcvd. by Letter	Restored	Dismsd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership.	Contribution for Minutes.	Contribution for Missions.	Contribution for Orphanage.
Boone's Fork			J. C. Church, J. F. Church, W. C. Craig		3	3			4	1		66	$ .75	$7.00	$
Buffalo Cove			F. P. Curtis, T. S. Robbins		4	1	12	*2	2	4	1	91	1.80		
Beech Creek		1	W. A. Keller		3		4			1		13	.50		
Doe Ridge	1		Edmond Greene, J. M. Isaacs		1		3		6			17	.50		
Elk			J. L. Johnson		3							38	.50		
Gap Hill	1				3	1		2				9	.25		
Laurel Fork	1		W. S. Ford, Thomas Coffey		3	5			4	4	2	91	1.10		
Mt. Vernon			Jordan Hampton, Thomas L. Day		1		5			2	1	110	1.50		
Mt. Paran		1	Allen Watson, Thos. Miller, M. D. Miller		1	2	3	1	8			36	.50		
New Hopewell	1				4										
New River	1		C. C. Phillips, Calvin Tucker, J. T. McGuire,		1	1			1	1		39	.50		
Poplar Grove	1		G. W. Trivett, David Layell, J. M. Hodges,		3		2			2	3	67	.75		
Rock Springs			J. H. Pipes,		3				2	1		23			
Stony Fork	1	1	W. E. Greene, I. C. Miller, R. L, Wagoner		2	3	5		7		1	149	1.53		
Union		1	Wm. H. Eller, William Eller		1	2	3	1	5	2	3	142	1.50	16.00	1.50
Watauga	1		E. M. Gragg, J. M. Porch, Wm. H. Calloway		2	8	7	1		2	1	101	.85		
Yellow Hill	5	1	Wm. M. Lee, H. H. Church	‡ .50	3	18	7	1	5	3	1	146	.95	‡ .50	‡ 1.00
Total, 17	13	5	33	.50	44	51	8	44	23	13		1138	13.48	23.50	2.50

* One was received by recommendation.
† Not represented, refer to tormer years.
‡ Contributed by individual members.

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STONY FORK

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

— HELD WITH THE —

ELK CHURCH,

— WILKES COUNTY, N. C., —

SEPTEMBER 11TH AND 12TH, 1896.

COMPILED BY WM. M. LEE, CLERK, SUMMIT, N. C.

1896:
THE YELLOW-JACKET PRINT,
MORAVIAN FALLS, N. C.

MINUTES.

ELK CHURCH, SEPT 11th, 1896.

Met according to appointment of last year.

Elder I. C. Miller read 1st Psalm, Elder E. M. Gragg led in prayer. Elder I. C. Miller preached the Introductory Sermon from John, 3 : 16.

Adjourned 20 minutes, after which time the Association was called to order by the Moderator of last year. Elder C. S. Farthing lead in prayer.

Brother J. M. Hodges assisted the Clerk in reading the letters from all the churches in the Association.

Elected Elders E. M. Gragg, Moderator, and Wm. M. Lee, Clerk. Bro. T. M. Hawkins and Elder C. S. Farthing acted as tellers.

Invited Churches wishing to unite with this Association. None present.

Invited Corresponding Messengers to seats. C. S. Farthing from Three Forks Association accepted.

Invited visiting Ministers and Brethren to seats. F. West, from Brushy Mountain ; M. D. Miller and A. C. Hamby from Stony Fork Association accepted.

Instructed the Moderator to appoint all necessary Committees, and he announced the following :

ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES : Wm. Eller and Jerry Harrison, with the Pastor and Dlegates of Elk Church.

ON ORDER OF BUSINESS : C. Tucker, Edmond Greene, I. C. Miller, A. C. Hamby, C. S. Farthing and F. West, with the Moderator and Clerk.

ON FINANCE : W. E. Greene and J.M. Hodges.

ON RESOLUTIONS : Allen Watson and W. A. Keller.

ON ORPHANAGE : John Beshears and Thos. L. Day.

ON CORRESPONDENCE : S. C. Carroll, P. A. Foster, and T. S. Robbins.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS : R. H. Pipes, David Layell and F. West.

ON TEMPERANCE : C. S. Farthing, T. M. Hawkins, Wm. Minton, J. M. Hodges and A. C. Hamby.

ON MISSIONS : W. E. Greene, C. Tucker and C. S. Farthing.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that C. S. Farthing preach Saturday at 11 o'clock A. M. and C. Tucker at 1 : 30 o'clock P. M.

On motion adojurned to meet Saturday, 8 : 30 o'clock A. M., and spend 30 minutes in prayer service. Prayer by Wm. M. Lee. Benediction by E. M. Gragg.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th, 1896.

Met pursuant to adjournment, and after singing and prayer, led by Edmond Greene the Moderator called the Association to order.

Called the Roll and marked absentees.

Read and adopted the Minutes of yesterday.

Read report on Order of Business, which was adopted.

Extended invitation to correspondents and visitors: John W. Waters and T. C. Robbins from Stony Fork; Milton McNeil, from Brushy Mountain and W. R. Beech, from Caldwell County Associations accepted as visitors.

Corresponding Messengers reported as follows: I. C. Miller attended Three Forks: Wm. M. Lee. Brushy Mountain: and E. M. Gragg, Mitchell County Associations, who reported pleasant Sessions.

Report was adopted.

Treasurer of last year reported as follows:

Received of the Association:

Minute Fund,	$9.48.
Orphanage,	2.50.
Foreign Missions,	.25.
State Missions,	.25.
Ministerial Aid,	2.18.
Total Received,	$14.66.

Paid for Minutes, Mailing expenses and paper,	$9.48.
To Orphanage,	2.50.
To Foreign and State Missions,	.50.
Ministerial Aid,	2.18.
Total paid out,	$14.66.

Very Respectfully, WM. M. LEE, Treasurer.

The Report was adopted.

Noticed the request of Union Church asking for a letter of Dismission. The request was granted.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by R. H. Pipes and after many instructive remarks the report was amended; and adopted as amended.

Report: We think the principle of Sunday School is clearly taught in the Bible, and is one of the means of leading souls to Christ; and we advise all the churches to engage their most efficient members in organizing and conducting Sunday Schools at their churches and every other available place in their bounds, and implant in the

minds of youths the principles of the Bible instead of reveling. By so doing we, with our children at the *last day*, may hear the welcome plaudit—"well done good and faithful servants"; Respectfully submitted.

F. WEST,
R. H. PIPES, } Committee.
DAVID LAYELL,

The Report on Orphanage was read by Thos. L. Day.

Report: We beleive the Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C. is worthy of the support of this Association and all Baptists of the State. We further recommend that we do not neglect the orphans of the home field.

The following pledges were made by individuals: From Buffalo Cove Church $1.00, Doe Ridge, .25cts, Elk, .25cts, Laurel Fork, $1.00 Mt. Vernon, $1.00, Mt. Paran, .25cts, New Hopewell, .50cts, Poplar Grove, $1.00, Stony Fork, $1.00, Watauga, $1.00, Yellow Hill, $2.25, and after touching remarks the Report was adopted.

THOS. L. DAY,
JOHN BESHEARS, } Committee.

Report on Temperance was read by C. S. Farthing.

Report: We are taught in the Bible that they who strive for the Mastery are temperate in all things. We beleive temperance is advancing in the minds of our people so far as the intemperate use of intoxicating drinks are concerned, but we fear our people are becoming more intemperate in food, clothing, tobacco and other things. As we can only become to be great master builders in the Lord's Kingdom by being temperate in all things, we would encourage our Ministers to "cry aloud and spare not" against this great evil which is hindering, so much, the prosperity of our churches.

The Report was adopted. C. S. FARTHING, Chairman.

Intermission one hour after which time the Association was called to order and the report on Missions was read by W. E. Greene, and after taking pledges from individuals was adopted.

Report: We urge that the Ministers of this Association stir up the churches of this Association to a double duty of the work of the Mission cause

W. E. GREENE,
C. S. FARTHING, } Committee.
CALVIN TUCKER,

Pledges taken for Missions: Buffalo Cove Church, $2.00, Doe Ridge, $1.00, Elk, .10cts, Laurel Fork, .25cts, Poplar Grove, .50cts, Stony Fork, $1.50, Watauga, $1.00.

The Report was adopted.

Missionary of last year made the following Report, which was adopted.

Report: Being appointed at your last assembly as Missionary of this Association to visit destitutions &c, in the bounds of the same:

I spent 35 days; delivered 53 sermons; traveled 350 miles; received $13.00 as remuneration, and baptized during last year 40, pastorial work and all. Respectfully submitted.

I. C. MILLER.

The Committee appointed last year to look after the Missionary work and remuneration of Elder I. C. Miller reported, and the Report was adopted.

On motion the Association agreed to pay Elder I. C. Miller $1.00 per day for the time traveled as missionary, which amounted to $35.00, and after deducting the amount Bro. Miller had receieved, the Association still owed him $23.00, to be paid by the churches of the Association according to the number of members in each Church, and each member was asked to pay 2½ cents a piece.

On motion, W. E. Greene, T. L. Day, J. F. Church, J. M. Hodges and R. H. Pipes were appointed as Missionary Committee—to select a Missionary and to look after his work and his remuneration.

Wm. A. Keller read report on Resolutions which was adopted.

Report: Resolved, that we advise all the churches composing this body, that they give strict attention to all the rules laid down in the catalogue of sins and that they deal strictly with all members who violate the same, not prefering one above another.

Resolved that our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the Brethren, Sisters and Friends of this Church and vicinity for their kindness shown us during our session.

WM. A. KELLER, }
ALLEN WATSON, } Committee.

The Report on Correspondence was read by T. S. Robbins, and adopted.

Report: Edmond Greene and J. M. Hodges to visit Three Forks; Wm. M. Lee and W. E. Greene to visit Mountain Union; E. M. Gragg and Jerry Harrison to visit Mitchell County; and I. C. Miller, R. H. Pipes and J. L. Johnson to visit Brushy Mountain Associations.

S. C. CARROLL, }
T. S. ROBBINS, } Committee.
P. A. FOSTER, }

On motion, appointed the Clerk Treasurer and instructed him to superintend the printing and distribution of these Minutes, and allowed him four dollars for his services.

Taken up 21st item of the 2nd day's Minutes of the 25th Session of Stony Fork Association for consideration, and on motion said item was erased.

Appointed the next Association to convene with the Laurel Fork Church on Friday before the Second Sunday in September 1897. Appointed Wm. M. Lee to preach the Introductory Sermon. E. M. Gragg Alternate.

On motion the Churches were asked to consider the propriety of changing the time of the Association meeting from Friday before the Second Sunday in September to Tuesday before the Second Sunday in September and hold two days session.

Finance Committee submitted the following Report which was adopted, viz.

Received for Minutes,	$12.95.
Received for Orphanage,	1.00.
Received for Bro. Blalock, in China,	.41.
Total received,	$14.36.

W. E. GREENE, J. M. HODGES, } Committee.

Committee on Missionary work made the following Report which was adopted, viz:

We recommend that Wm. M. Lee be appointed as our Missionary and that he spends as much time as he can in the destitute parts of the Association or where ever the Spirit may direct.

R. H. PIPES, Chairman.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported for Sunday: 1st W. R. Beach to preach at 10:30 o'clock A. M. 2nd Milton McNeil. WILLIAM ELLER, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned to meet at time and place appointed. Prayer lead by M. McNeil. Singing and an old-fashioned hand-shaking closed the 35th Session of the Association.

WM. M. LEE, Clerk. E. M. GRAGG, Moderator.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13th, 1896.

Met at the stand. The Choir sang some beautiful pieces. W. R. Beach read 14th chapter of Job. Wm. M. Lee lead in prayer. W. R. Beach preached from James 4:14, Milton McNeil from John 16:7, Rev. Milton McNeil taken collection at the close of his sermon for Rev. I. C. Miller.

The meeting closed by an earnest exhortation by Bro. M. McNeil for Sinners to give their hearts to Jesus, and a fare well hand shaking amidst many tears.

CLERK.

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ORDAINED—John Wm. Church, W. N. Church, L. D. Coffey, E. M. Gragg, Edmond Greene, Wm. M. Lee, I. C. Miller, D. B. Owens, G. W. Trivett, C. Tucker, L. Wilson, G. C. Woodruff.

*LICENTIATES— Andrew C. Hamby, W. A. Keller, Daniel W. Lee, M. D. Miller, James Robinson.

* Poplar Grove Church reported 1 but did not give his name.

† SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Superintendants.	No. Enrolled.	Av'g Atnds.	School Expenses.
Boone's Fork,	J. H. Brown,	*50	50	$
Buffalo Cove,	R. H. Pipes,	85	52	12.38.
Laurel Fork,	A. J. Shull,	58	28	2.96.
Mt. Vernon,	Thos. L. Day,	*56	56	5.48.
New River,	J. W. Phillips,	68	40	
Stony Fork,	‡	167	83	2.50.
Union,	F. A. Warren,	*84	84	5.67.
Watauga,	Robt. L. Ayers	70	38	1.04.
	Total	638	431	$30.03.

† Other Churches had Sunday Schools. Statistics not given.

* Shows average attendance. No. enrolled not given.

‡ Superintendant's name not given.

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 1

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.
Boone's Fork,	J. M. Payne,	W. H. Gragg, Globe, N. C.
Buffalo Cove,	I. C. Miller,	R. H. Pipes, Buffalo Cove, "
Beech Creek,	Jacob Younce,	M. F. Keller, Harmon, "
Doe Ridge,	Edmond Green,	Elijah Trivett, Norris, "
Elk,	I. C. Miller,	J. F. Johnson, Elkville, "
Laurel Fork,	J. M. Payne,	A. J. Shull, Aho, "
Mt. Vernon,	David Green,	Thos. L. Day, Bamboo, "
Mt. Paran,	W. N. Church,	R. M. Watson, Stony Fork, "
New Hopewell,	Joseph Phillips,	David Coffey, Gragg, "
New River,	Wm. Lee & C. Tucker	J. T. McGuire, Todd, "
Poplar Grove,	G. W. Trivett,	J. M. Hodges, Boone, "
Stony Fork,	I. C. Miller,	W. E. Greene, Stony Fork, "
Union,	C. S. Farthing,	A. J. Campbell, Mabel, "
Watauga,	E. M. Gragg,	S. A. Gragg, Grand Father, "
Yellow Hill,	J. Wm. Church,	H. L. Beshears, Summit, "

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 2

CHURCHES.	Ordn. M'n'st'rs	Licentiates,...	DELEGATES.	Chrch Meet'ng	Rec. by B'ptsm	Rec'd by Letter	Restored.....	Dism by Letter	Excluded.....	Deceased.....	Total Membership..	Contributions for Minutes...	Contributions for Missions..	Contributions for Orphanage
Boone's Fork,			Represented by letter.	2	8	5		4	3	1	71	$1.00	.41	$
Buffalo Cove,			T. M. Hawkins, R. H. Pipes, T. S. Robbins.	4	14	6	1	4	12	2	93	.75		
Beech Creek,		1	W. A. Keller.	3							13	.25		
Doe Ridge,	1		Edmond Greene, A. B. Greene.	4	8	10					34	.75		
Elk,			J. L. Johnson, P. A. Foster, Thomas Dula.	3					1		38	.50		
Laurel Fork,	1		William L. Greene.	3	3			5		1	87	1.00		
Mt. Vernon,			Jordan Hampton, J. W. Harrison, Thos. L. Day.	1	4	4			5	1	112	1.50		
Mt. Paran,		1	Allen Watson, Thomas Miller, Wm. Minton.	1	3		2	3	4		37	.50		
New Hopewell,	1		G. F. Coffey.	1	18		6			1	74	.70		
New River,	1		Calvin Tucker.	1				1	2		36	.40		
Poplar Grove,	1	1	David Layell, J. M. Hodges.	3		1	2	3	2	1	64	.75		
Stony Fork,	1	1	W. E. Greene, S. C. Carroll. I. C. Miller.	2	8	2		4	6	2	148	1.50		
Union,		1	J. L. Thomas, W. F. Greer, Wm. Eller.	1	3	2	3	3	1	2	144	1.00		1.00
Watauga,	1		E. M. Gragg.	2		1			2	1	98	.85		
Yellow Hill,	5	1	John Beshears, Wm. M. Lee.	3	1				2	1	144	1.50		
Total 15	12	6	29	70	31	14	27	40	13	1193	12.95	.41	1.00	

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MINUTES

—OF THE—

Thirty Sixth Annual Session

—OF THE—

STONY FORK

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH THE—

Laurel Fork Church,

WATAUGA COUNTY, N. C.

SEPTEMBER 10th AND 11th 1897.

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COMPILED BY Wm. M. LEE, CLERK, SUMMIT, N. C.

THE YELLOW-JACKET JOB PRINT, MORAVIAN FALLS, N. C.

MINUTES.

LAUREL FORK CHURCH, SEPT. 10, 1897.

Met according to appointment of last year. Rev. S. T. Carroll read Acts 20 : 17—38. Rev. J. H. Farthing led in prayer. Elder Wm. M. Lee, preached the Introductory Sermon from Jer. 8 ; 22, Matt. 25 ; 40—45.

Adjourned 30 minutes, after which time the Association was called to order by the Moderator of last year. Rev. M. V. Macumson lead in prayer.

Brother R. L. Ayers assisted the Clerk in reading the letters from the churches.

Elected Elders E. M. Gragg, Moderator and Wm. M. Lee, Clerk. Revs. E. D. Crisp and J. H. Farthing acted as tellers.

Invited Churches wishing to unite with this Association. None present.

Invited Corresponding Messengers to seats. E. D. Crisp, from Caldwell County ; Wm. Elrod and John F. Eller from Three Forks Associations accepted.

Invited visiting Ministers and Brethren to seats. M. V. Macumson, from Mt. Zion ; J. H. Farthing, Asa Brown, C. S. Farthing, S. T. Carroll, J. M. Payne, S. L. Fox, and J. P. Hagerman from Three Forks ; G. C. Woodruff, J. F. Church from Stony Fork ; Wesley Bumgarner from Mitchell County Associations accepted.

Instructed the Moderator to appoint the usual Committees, and he announced the following :

ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES—W. E. Greene, with the Delegates of Laurel Fork Church.

ON ORDER OF BUSINESS—I. C. Miller, Edmond Greene, Wm. Gragg, Corresponding Messengers, visitors, the Moderator and Clerk.

ON RESOLUTIONS—Jerry Harrison, C. S. Farthing.

ON ORPHANAGE—T. C. Robbins, J. H. Farthing.

ON CORRESPONDENCE—G. W. Trivett, R. L. Ayers.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS—John Beshears, W. S. Greene, Asa Brown

ON TEMPERANCE—T. S. Robbins, S. T. Carroll, John F. Eller, E. D. Crisp.

ON MISSIONS—N. L. Harrison, M. V. Macumson, J. F. Church, J. M. Payne.

ON FINANCE—Wm. A. Keller, John Watson.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that, J. F. Eller preach Saturday at 10 o'clock, A. M., E. D. Crisp, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and Asa Brown at 2 o'clock, P. M.

On Motion appointed R. L. Ayers Associational Historian.

On Motion adjourned to meet Saturday at 8 : 30 o'clock A. M., and spend 30 minutes in prayer services conducted by J. H. Farthing. Singing by the congregation. Benediction by C. S. Farthing.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1897.

Met pursuant to adjournment, and after prayer services, conducted by Edmond Greene, the Moderator called the Association to order.

Called the roll and marked absentees.

Read and adopted the minutes of yesterday.

Read the Report on Order of Business, which was adopted.

Extended invitation to corrsespondents and visitors: Prof. E. Leff Wagoner from Ashe and Alleghany: Representing Whitehead Academy; C. W. Stout from Caldwell County; W. Foster from Three Forks; and E. F. Tatum from China accepted.

On Motion the Moderator appointed a Committee on Education, viz: E. Leff Wagoner and T. C. Robbins.

On Motion, omitted reading the Rules of Decorum.

All the Corresponding Messengers present reported, which report was received and the Messengers discharged.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of the Association last year as follows;

Minute Fund	$8.95.
Orphanage	1.00.
Foreign Missions	.41.
Total Received	$10.36.

Paid for Minutes, mailing expenses and paper	$7.95.
To the Orphanage	1.00.
To Brother Blalock in China	.41.
Total paid out	$9.36.
Balance in the Treasurer's hands	$1.00.

I have also received and paid to the Orphanage at Thomasville, $2.00, part of the pledges made to the Orphanage last year by Yellow Hill church delegates.

Respectfully,

WM. M. LEE,

Treasurer.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

The Thomasville Orphanage is a Baptist Institution and is solely dependent on the Baptists of N. C. for its support: We therefore recommend that this Association heartly aid in the support of this Institution, remembering that we are not only

commanded to visit the orphans, but to support them. We further recommend that we look after the orphans at home and support them.

Respectfully,

J. H. FARTHING, } Comm.
T. C. ROBBINS, }

After many touching and instructive remarks the report was adopted. A collection was taken which amounted to $2.80, and pledges taken as follows: by Delegates from Boone's Fork, $1.50, Buffalo Cove, $1.50; Doe Ridge, $1.00; Laurel Fork, $1.00; Mt. Vernon, $1.50; New Hopewell, .50; Poplar Grove, .50; Stony Fork, $1.00; Yellow Hill, $3.00 by individuals.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We believe that the manufacture, sale, and use of intoxicating drinks, as a beverage, is one of the most pernicious evils prevailing in the land; therefore, we, the Lord's people should use every legitimate means in our power to exterminate this Hydraheaded Monster from the land. We further recommend that our Churches withdraw fellowship from all their members who aid or abet in anywise the liquor traffic.

E. D. CRISP, }
T. S. ROBBINS, } Comm.
J. F. ELLER, }
S. T. CARROLL, }

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMM. ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we advise all the Churches composing this body, to give strict attention to all the rules laid down in the catalogue of sins in the Bible, and deal strictly with all members who violate the same, not prefering one above another.

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the Brethren, Sisters and Friends of this Church and vicinity for their kindness shown us during this session.

J. W. HARRISON, } Comm.
C. S. FARTHING, }

The report was adopted.

Intermission one hour, after which the Association was called to order and the report on Education was read by E. Leff Wagoner, and after impressive and feeling remarks was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

This is an age of the world where thought and progress are dominant, and he who seeks to live a conservative life is left far behind by the onward wheels of progress and intelligence.

We beg our brethren to enlist in the fight for a better public school system in North Carolina.

As we have no Associational School, we ask that our people in selecting a Preparatory School for their children see to it, that it is a Baptist School. We would recommend Whitehead Academy as a safe school worthy of our patronage. We earnestly ask that our Association do more for Ministerial Education by helping the young Ministers in our bounds to secure an education and upholding Wake Forest College in our own State, and our Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. ROBBINS, } Comm.
E. LEFF WAGONER, }

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. John Beshears and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Seeing that Sunday Schools are fast progressing in our association, we advise all Churches that have no School, to organize and keep up a well ordered Sunday School. We believe its work is promoting morality, and has brought many souls to Christ.

JOHN BESHEARS,
ASA BROWN, } Comm.
W. S. GREENE,

On Motion, the discussion of the Sunday School Report was postponed until Sunday 9 o'clock A. M. to be discussed in Sunday School Mass Meeting.

Report on Missions was read by N. L. Harrison and after a Speech by E. F. Tatum it was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We insist that the Ministers, and all others of this association, stir up the Churches of this association to do more if possible for the work of the Mission Cause.

N. L. HARRISON,
M. V. MACUMSON, } Comm.

Report on Correspondence was read and adopted.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Wm. M. Lee, and W. E. Greene, to visit Three Forks; I. C. Miller, R. H. Pipes, Wm. M. Lee to visit Ashe and Alleghany; E. M. Gragg, and Edmond Greene, to visit Mitchell County; Wm. M. Lee, and Jerry Harrison, to visit Brushy Mountain; E. M. Gragg, and W. H. Calloway, to visit Caldwell County Associations.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. W. TRIVETT,
R. L. AYERS, } Comm,

The Standing Committee on Missionary Work reported—the report was adopted and the Committee discharged.

Associational Missionary reported, and after being spoken to by E. F. Tatum, T. C. Robbins and others it was adopted.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

On account of sickness in my family I have not been able to tarvel much. In the Missionary work I have spent 38 days; preached 26 sermons; labored 17 days and 9 nights in protracted meetings; delivered 2 Sunday School Addresses; by special request I have assisted two Pastors in baptizing, and assisted in ordaining one Deacon. I have held several prayer services and delivered several Exhortational Addresses but cannot tell the number; preached 6 funerals—all old people but one—one was more than 100 years old, another about 100 years old. I have received $1.50 contributed by Bro. Isaac Watson of Stony Fork Church. I would recommend that all strive together for more united efforts to consolidate our Baptist people in spreading of the knowledge of God, for the Bible says "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" Isa, 11:9. Respectfully,

Wm. M. LEE.

On motion agreed to take public collection at the close of the first sermon Sunday to further remunerate the Associational Missionary for 1896—1897. The association took a collection among the Delegates for Associational Missionary which amounted to $2.87.

Wm. A. Keller read the report on Finance, which was adopted :

Report:	Received for Minutes,	$10.95
	Received for Associational Missionary,	1.40
	Received for Orphanage,	3.81
	Received for Foreign Missions,	.31
	Total . . .	$16.47

Wm. A. KELLER, JOHN WATSON, } Comm.

Appointed the Clerk, Treasurer, and instructed him to superintend the printing and distribution of these Minutes, and to take one dollar of the Minute fund and buy an Associational Record Book.

On motion, paid the Clerk $4.00 for his services

Appointed the next Association to convene with Buffalo Cove Church, on Tuesday before the Second Sunday in September, 1898, and continue until the business shall be finished. Appointed E. M. Gragg to preach the Introductory Sermon. Edmond Greene, Alternate.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported for Sunday: 1st M. V. Macumson to preach at 10 o'clock A. M., 2nd E. F. Tatum to preach at 11 o'clock A. M.

W. E. GREENE, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned to meet at time and place appointed. Elder John F. Eller conducted the closing exercises. The Association closed by singing and an old-fashioned hand-shaking.

WM. M. LEE, Clerk.

E. M. GRAGG, Moderator.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 12, 1897.

Met in the Church House in Sunday School Mass Meeting and discussed the Subject of Sunday Schools.

The congregation adjourned and re-assembled at the Stand in the Grove. E. F. Tatum read the 14th chapter of John. M. V. Macumson led in prayer. M. V. Macumson preached from John. 14 :2. A collection was taken amounting to $3.07. E. F. Tatum preached from Rev. 12 :11.

A collection was taken for M. V. Macumson, the blind preacher, amounting to $5.28.

Good order prevailed and a pleasant session of the Association closed. I. C. Miller conducted the closing exercises.

CLERK.

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ORDAINED: John Wm. Church, W. N. Church, L. D. Coffey, E. M. Gragg, Edmond Greene, Wm. M. Lee, I. C. Miller, G. W. Trivett, C. Tucker, Levi Wilson, Wm. A. Keller, G. C. Woodruff.

LICENTIATES: W. M. Greene, A. C. Hamby, David Layell, D. W. Lee, M. D. Miller, T. S. Robbins.

*SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINDTS.	No. Enrolled.	Av'g At'nds	School Exp.
Boone's Fork,	J. F. Church,	65	45	$
Buffalo Cove,	R. H. Pipes,	61	50	
Mt. Vernon,	Thos. L. Day,	75	54	5.53.
Poplar Grove,	W. B. Greene,	42	28	
Stony Fork,	R. L. Wagoner,	102	53	
Yellow Hill,	A. T. Lee,	(Present 48 each day)	(In class 39 each day)	4.20

* Other Churches had Schools, Statistics not given.

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 1.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.
Boone's Fork,	J. M. Payne,	W. H. Gragg, ... Globe, N. C.
Buffalo Cove,	I. C. Miller,	R. H. Pipes, . . . Buffalo Cove, N. C.
Beech Creek,	Jonathan Phillips,	M. F. Keller, . . . Beech Creek, N. C.
Doe Ridge,	J. B. Phillips,	S. M. Greene, ... Norris, N. C.
Elk,	(Not Represented)	
Laurel Fork,	E. M. Gragg,	A. J. Shull, ... Aho, N. C.
Mt. Vernon,	David Greene,	Thos. L. Day, ... Bamboo, N. C.
Mt. Paran,	W. N. Church,	R. M. Watson, . . Stony Fork, N. C.
New Hopewell,	Joseph Phillips	David Coffey, ... Gragg, N. C.
New River,	W. N. Church,	J. T. McGuire, ... Todd, N. C.
Poplar Grove,	E. M. Gragg,	J. M. Hodges, ... Boone, N. C.
Stony Fork,	I. C. Miller,	W. E. Greene, . . Stony Fork, N. C.
Watauga,	E. M. Gragg,	Robert L. Ayers, Grand Father, N. C.
Yellow Hill,	Jno. Wm. Church	H. L. Beshears, . . . Summit, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 2.

CHURCHES.	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates.	DELEGATES.	Church Meetings	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored	Dism, by Letter.	Exclud'd	Deceased	Total M'b'sh'p	Minute Fund.	Contbsns for Missions &c.	C'ntb. for Orph nag
Boone's Fork,			W. H. Gragg, W. C. Craig, W L. Coffey,	2	3	3		1	1		75	†$.55	*$9.87	$
Buffalo Cove,		1	R. H. Pipes, T. S Robbins, T C Robbins,	4	8	2	3	1	2		101	.70	*154.54	1.00
Beech Creek,	1		Wm. A. Keller,	1							13	.30		
Doe Ridge,	1		Edmond Greene, Newton Barnes,	2	7	5		5			44	.75		
Elk,			(Not represented)	3										
Laurel Fork,	1		T. H. Storie, Jesse Storie, Calton Coffey,	3		1		11			78	.80		
Mt. Vernon,			J W Harrison, N L Harrison, J Hampton	1	5	10	1	2	4	5	117	1.50	*22.61	.31
Mt. Paran,			Thomas Miller, John Watson,	1	1		3	5		1	34	.50		.25
New Hopewell,	1		David Coffey, J. R. Gragg,	1	9	2	2	1	1	1	84	.60		
New River,	1		W. M. McGuire,	2		2		4			34	.50		
Poplar Grove,	1	1	G. W. Trivett, David Layell,	1	4	2	2		4		66	.75		
Stony Fork,	1	3	I. C. Miller, W. E. Greene, W. S. Greene	2	2	6	6	3	2	2	154	1.00	1.00	1.00
Watauga,	1		E. M. Gragg, John Reed, R. L. Ayers,	2	9		1	7		3	96	1.00		1.00
Yellow Hill,	4	1	Wm. M. Lee, John Beshears,	3	1			23	5	1	116	1.00		2.25
Totals 14	12	6	30	49	33	17	63	19	13		1012	9.95	188.02	5.81

†Balance in Treasurer's hands last year, 1.00

*Those amounts were paid on Church Buildings; to Pastors, Missions &c. Total, 10.95

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MINUTES

OF THE

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HELD WITH THE

BUFFALO COVE CHURCH,

CALDWELL COUNTY, N. C.

SEPTEMBER 6,7,& 8.'98.

Compiled by Wm M. Lee, Clerk,

SUMMIT, N. C.

THE RATTLER PRINT.

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Ordained: John Wm. Church, W. N. Church, E. M. Gragg, Edmond Greene, Wm. M. Lee, I. C. Miller, G. W. Trivett, C. Tucker, J. H. Pipes, Levi Wilson, G. C. Woodruff.

Licentiates: W. M. Greene, D. N. Lee, David Layell, M. D. Miller, T. S. Robbins.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Superintendents.	No. Enrolled.	Average attendance	School Expenses.
Boone's Fork,	W. H. Gragg		45	
Buffalo Cove,	T. S. Robbins	92	55	
Doe Ridge,	A. B. Greene	89	45	
Mt. Vernon,	J. W. Harrison	85	60	$5 00
Poplar Grove,	David Layell		26	.75
Stony Fork,	W. S. Greene	105	47	
Yellow Hill,	H. H. Church	70	51	
Total, 7.	7.	441	329	$5.75.

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 1.

CHURCHES,	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	
Boone's Fork,	J. M. Payne,	W. N. Gragg, Globe,	N. C.
Buffalo Cove,	I. C. Miller,	R. H. Pipes, Buffalo Cove,	"
Doe Ridge,	W. F. Knight,	S. M. Greene, Boone,	"
Elk,	(Not Represented)		
Laurel Fork,	E. M. Gragg,	A. J. Shull, Aho,	"
Mt. Vernon,	David Greene,	Thos. L. Bay, Bamboo,	"
Mt. Paron,	S. J. Carroll,	Allen Watson, Stony Fork,	"
Mt. Ephraim,	W. N. Church,	N. S. Hampton, Trivett,	"
New Hopewell,	Joseph Phillips,	David Coffey, Gragg,	"
New River,	W. N. Church,	R. M. Phillips, Todd,	"
Poplar Grove,	E. M. Gragg,	J. M. Hodges, Boone,	"
Stony Fork,	I. C. Miller,	W. E. Greene, Stony Fork,	"
Watauga,	G. W. Trivett,	Rob't L. Ayers, Grand Father,	"
Yellow Hill,	Wm. M. Leee and J. W. Church,	H. L. Beshears, Summit,	N. C.

The next Association meets with the Mt. Vernon Church Thursday at 11 o'clock A.M. the 2nd Sunday in Sept. 1893.

Buffalo Cove Church, Sept. 6th 1898.

Met according to appointment of last year. After Singing, and Prayer Services in which J. F. Davis, Geo. W. Trivett and I. C. Miller led; J. F. Davis preached the Introductory Sermon from Mark, 16:15.

Intermission 30 minutes.

The Moderator of last year being absent–the Clerk of last year called the Association to order I. C. Miller read the 5th chapter of Romans and Bro. T. M. Hawkins led in prayer.

At the request of the Clerk of last year I. C. Miller was appointed Moderator pro tem.

Brother R. H. Pipes assisted the Clerk in reading the letters from the churches.

Elected I. C. Miller. Moderator, and Wm. M. Lee, Clerk. J. F. Davis and W. F. Knight acted as tellers.

Extended an invitation to churches wishing to unite with the Association. A Letter from Mt. Ephram church was presented by its Delegates; and on motion the Church was received and the Moderator extended the right hand of Fellowship to its Delegates.

Invited Corresponding Messengers to seats.- J. F. Davis and W. F. Knight from Three Forks Association accepted.

Invited visiting Ministers and Brethren to Seats. - Edmond Greene, M. D. Miller and W. H. Miller from Stony Fork Association, and John McCloud from Caldwell County Association accepted.

Instructed the Moderator to appoint the usual Committees, and he announced the following:

On Devotional Exercises—The Delegates of Buffalo Cove Church.

On Order of Busines—J. F. Davis, W. F. Knight, Geo. W. Trivett, Edmond Greene and T. L. Day, with Moderator and Clerk.

On Resolutions—J. F. Church & W. S. Greene.

On Orphanage—Wm. M. Lee & Thos. L Critcher.

On Correspondence—T. C. Robins & Thos. Miller.

On Sunday Schools—W. E. Greene, D L. H. Layell.

On Temperance—R. H. Pipes, J. F. Davis, W. F. Knight. On Missions—John Besbears, Joseph Green and T. M. Hawkins.

On Finance—N. S. Hampton & A. J. Shull.

Committe on Devotional Exercises, reported that, Geo. W. Trivett, preach to-night at early lamp lighting and Edmond Greene, to-morrow at 11 o'clock a.m.

On Motion adjourned to meet to-morrow at 8:30 o'clock A. M. Prayer by W. F. Knight. Benediction by Wm M. Lee.

At Night, Geo. W. Trivett, preached an earnest, impressive Sermon from the Text: "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." Matt. 5.4. J. F. Davis closed the Services with an earnest exhortation to sinners to give themselves to Jesus.

Wednesday, Sept. 7th 1898.

Met pursuant to adjournment. T. L Blalock, read the 1st chapter of Jeremiah, and led in prayer.

The Moderator called the Association to order.

Called the Roll and marked absentees.

Read and adopted the minutes of yesterday.

Read and adopted the Report on Order of Business.

Extended invitation to correspondents and visitors: T. L. Blalock—returned Missionary from China, and from Mitchell County Association, w. R. Beach, w. L. Beach and Thomas Simmons from Caldwell County Association accepted.

On Motion omitted reading the Rules of Decorum.

All Corresponding Messengers present reported, their reports were received and the Messengers were discharged.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of the Association last year as follows:

Minute Fund.	$6. 95.	Paid for printing Minutes, mailing expenses & paper,	$5. 95.
Orphanage, (from Association & Public Collection),	$6. 61.	To the Orphanage,	$6.61.
Asscciational Missionary, (from Association and Public Collection),	$7.34.	To the Associational Missionary,	$7.34.
Foreign Missions,	$ .31.	To T. L. Blaylock in China,	$ .31.
Total Received,	$21.21.	For Associational Record Book,	$ .50.
		Total paid out,	$20.71.
		Balance in the hands of Treasurer,	$ .50.

I have also received and paid to the Orphanage during the year, $2.50. as part of the pledges made by individuals from Yellow Hill Church—and $1.00. public collection by Yellow Hill Church. Total, $3.50.

Respectfully,
Wm M. Lee, Treasurer.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

At Thomasville, N. C. we have an Orphanage in which 160 children are fed, clothed, schooled and taught to work; and put under religious influence. These children are supported by the Baptist people of N. C, Brethren it is the duty of every member of our churches to aid in the support of this noble Institution. This work appeals to the sympathy of each and every christian heart. Brethren let us do more in the coming year for this work than ever before.

Wm M. Lee,
Thos. L. Critcher, } Committee.

After remarks a collection was taken amounting to $1.25, and .35 cents for Chairty and Children; and Pledges were taken as follows: Boon's Fork, J. F. Church, 50c. Buffalo Cove,—one collection—R. H. Pipes, .50c, T. L. Robbins, .50c, T C. Robbins, $1.00, T. M. Hawkins, .50c. Doe Ridge,—one collection in Sunday School and one in church,—Newton Barnes, .50c G. W. Brown, .50c. Laurel Fork,—A. J. Shull, $1.00, Joseph Greene, .50c. Mt. Vernon,—one Sunday School collection. Mt. Paron,- Thomas Miller, 50c, Wm. Minton, .25c. New Hopewell,—one collection. New River,-T. L. Houk. .50. Poplar Grove,—D. L. H. Layell, .50c, J. M. Hodges, .50c, W. D. Greene, 50c. Stony Fork,—Sunday School, $1.00, church, $1.00. Watauga,—one collection—. Yellow Hill,—Wm. M Lee, $2 00, John Beshears, .50. Mt. Ephraim, N. S. Hampton, .50. Total in pledges, $13.25, and six public collections.

The report was adopted and Committee discharged.

On motion adjourned to meet at 1 o'clock, P. M. Edmond Greene read 2nd chapter of Heb. W. F. Knight led in prayer. Edmond Greene preached an impressive sermon from Rom. 9:1,2,3.

After intermission, the Association was called to order at 1.30 o'clock, P. M., and report on Temperance was read by J. F. Davis, and discussed by J. F. Davis, R. H. Pipes, T. C. Robbins and W. F. Knight and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We believe that the manufacture, sale, and use of intoxicating drink, is a great evil, and should not be countenanced. We would especially emphasize moderate dram drinking as we think a great part of the evil comes in this way. No christian should engage in moderate dram drinking. Our churches should take a very decided stand upon this question. We cannot afford to pass this vital matter lightly by. Brethren do not aid the cause of intemperance by selling apples and grain to the makers of this vile and ruinous stuff. "Paul said if my meat make my brother to offend I will eat no more meat while the world stands." You are your brothers keeper —you must account to God for what you do.

R. H. Pipes,
W. F. Knight,
J. F. Davis. } Committee.

On motion the Moderator appointed Walter Beach and T. C. Robbins a committee on Education.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

As it seems that some of our churches have failed to report any Sunday School:—we earnestly insist on all of our churches to organize a Sunday School as we believe it to be the work of Christ, and should be patronized by every member of the church.

W. E. Greene,
D. L. F. Layell, } Committee.

After remarks the Report was adopted.

Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was adopted:

Report.—Wm. M. Lee and Edmond Greene, to go to the Three Forks: Geo. W. Trivett and D L H. Layell, to the Mitchell County. W. E Greene and T. L. Day, to the Ashe County. I. C. Miller and T. M. Hawkins, to the Caldwell County. R, H. Pipes and I. C. Miller, to the Alleghany and Grayson Associations.

On Motion discharged the Com. on Resolutions.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The subject of Missions is one which concerns each one of us. Our Lord Jesus Christ came from heaven to earth on a mission of mercy. He was a Missionary. He commanded us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Shall we not obey the injunction of the one who loved us so well as to die for us? Let each member of every church feel that it is his duty to give of his means, prayers, and efforts, to send the Gospel to the ends of the earth. The Foreign Mission Board has 80 Missionaries in the field; and 22 working under the Gospel Mission Plan, with 4000 converts as a result of the labors of these Missionaries.

John Beshears, Chairman of Committee

The report was discussed by T. L. Blaylock, and adopted.

The Report on Resolutions was read by the Clerk and adopted:

Report.—Resolved: That, we advise all our churches to give strict attention to all the rules laid down in the catalogue of sins in the Bible, and deal strictly with all members who violate the same, not prefering one above another.

Resolved: That, the next Association be held with the Church at Mt. Vernon, beginning on Thursday at 1o'clock, P. M., before the Second Sunday in Sept. 1899.

Resolved: That, our heart-felt thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to the Brethren, Sisters & Friends of this vicinity for their kindness shown us during this session.

J. F. Church,
W. S. Greene, } Committee.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Receive for Minutes, $10.25. Received for Orphanage, $2.50. Total received, $12.75.

N. S. Hampton,
A. J. Shull, } Committee.

The report was adopted.

Appointed the Clerk, Treasurer, and instructed him to Superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

On Motion paid the Clerk, $4.00. for his services.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows: That we hold a short sesion to-night, and W. R. Beach preach a sermon, and that, T. L. Blaylock and J. F. Davis preach to-morrow.

T. C. Robins
R. H. Pipes
T. M. Hawkins } Committee.

Report was adopted.

On Motion, adjourned to meet at 6o'clock, P. M. Prayer led by John Beshears, Benediction by Wm M. Lee.

Met pursuant to adjournment for night session, and after Singing and Prayer led by Wm M. Lee, the Association was called to order by the Moderator at 7:30 o' clock, P. M.

The Report on Education was read by T. C. Robins, and after remarks by Walter Beach and the Moderator—was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee would urge upon our brethren the duty of educating their children. The time has come when our Baptist People must educate if they would keep apace with other denominations. We would recommend Whitehead Academy as a prepareatory school; we would also recommend Taylorsville Collegiate Institute, and Wake Forest College, both of which give free tuition to young men preparing for the Ministry, Respectfully Submitted.

T. C. Robbins,
Walter L. Beach, } Committee.

On motion the Report on Resolutions was adopted by striking out "Friday" and inserting "Thursday at 10 o' clock P. M."

On motion the Moderator was instructed to appoint some-one to preach the Introductory Sermon next year —and he appointed John Wm. Church to preach the Introductory Sermon and E. M. Gragg Alternate.

Appointed Wm. M. Lee, and I. C. Miller to prepare a short obituary on the life and death of Asa T. Mikeal, and have it printed in these minutes.

Withdrew fellowship from Beech Creek Church, as it had departed from the Faith.

Read and adopted the minutes of to-day by striking out the word "Reverend" whenever it occurs.

On motion adjourned to meet at time and place appointed. Singing, and an old-fassioned hand-shaking closed the session,

Wm. M. Lee, Clerk. I. C. Miller, Moderator.

OBITUARY OF ASA T. MIKEAL.

It is with sadness, yet humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, that we write of the death of Brother, Asa T. Mikeal. He was born Jan. 8th 1845, and died July 28th 1898. He was 52 years, 7 months and 20 days old. He was the son of David and Selah Mikeal. His mother and two brothers crossed the River of Death before him. He was a dutiful son and brother. Early in life he married Miss S. E. Brown, and their happy union grew closer and stronger while life lasted. He gave himself to Jesus; and about 19 years ago he was baptized into the fellowship of South Fork Church. Some time after he joined the church, Brother Mikeal and his wife became Firm Pillars in the constitution, and building up, of the New River Church, in which he so much love to work for Jesus. The New River Church-house stands as an impressive Monument to his name, his life, his Faith and works. He has lived a consistent christian, ever ready to contribute to the support of his pastor, and the relief of the needy. He was a true citizen, neighbor, and friend-in need and in deed,—a worthy example for all to follow. He was a true, kind, affectionate, and loving husband, and was especially attacted to "home," and true it is; as his dear lovely companion had engraved on his tomb stone;—"he made home pleasant." Brother Mikeal is gone. He leaves a dear loving wife, and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. We cannot meet him here any more, but may his true and unfaultering example inspire us to more energy, and consecration in our christian life, faith, and works,—knowing that, we can go to him—that he shall not return to us.—

Cease ye mourners, cease to languish
O'er the grave of the one you love
For our brother who bore his sore afflictions
With such unshaken patience
Will soon welcome you above.

Wm. M. Lee, } Committee.
I. C. Miller, }

Thursday, Sept. 8th 1898.

The congregation assembled at the Church, and at 10:30 o'clock, A. M., T. L. Blaylock read part of the 10th chapter of John, the Moderator led in prayer, T. L. Blaylock, preached a very touching sermon from John, 14: 6. J. F. Davis followed with a very impressive sermon from Isaiah, 45: 22. A collection was taken for T. L. Blaylock, amounting to $2.78. There was evidence of the presence of the Lord with the Brethren. May much good be the result

The last note taken by R. H. Pipes, for the Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 2.

CHURCHES.	Ordained Ministers.	Licentiates.	DELEGATES.	Church Meetings.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Membership	Minute Fund.	Mission Fund.*	Orphanage Fund.
			J F. Church,.....	2	2		3	6	8		66	.55	19.06	
Boone's Fork,	1	1	R. H. Pipes, T. M. Hawkins, T. C. Robbins	4	8	5	1	4	4	1	105	.50	27.40	2.15
Buffale Covo,	1		G. W. Brown, Newton Barnes.....	3	2	3			1	1	47	.75		
Doe Ridge,			[Not represented)	3							38			
Elk,				3		1		1			78	1.00		
Laurel Fork,	1		Joseph Greene, A. J. Shull,.....	1	21	4	1	1	4		138	1.50	34.72	4.00
Mt. Vernon,			T. L. Critcher, F. M. Cook, T. L. Day,.....	2	1			1	1		27	.50	.	
Mt. Paron,			Thomas Miller, William Minton,.....	1				1	2	2	47	1.05	.	
Mt. Ephraim,			N. S. Hampton, John Cook,.....	1	5				7		82	.55	.	
New Hopewell,			David Coffey, Grayson Gragg,.....	2		1		6		1	28	.40	.	
New River,	1		W. H. Phillips, F. L. Houk,.....	1				1	5		59	.75	76.50	
Poplar Grove.	1	1	David Layell, W. B. Greene, G. W. Trivett,.....	2		1			2	2	151	1.00	.	
Stony Fork,	1	2	I. C. Miller, W. E. Greene, W. S. Greene,.....	2							†96	1.00	.	
Watauga;	1		(No Delegates present).....	3	1	2			4	1	114	.70	.	
Yellow Hill,	4	1	Wm. M. Lee, John Beshears,.....											
Total, 14.	11.	5.		27.							40,	17. 5.	21. 38. 8.	942. 10.25 157.68 6.15

*Amounts in this column were paid to Pastors—work on Church houses, and other Church expences.

†Watauga numbered 96 last year.

Balance in hands of Treasurer last year, .50
Total, 10.75.

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The Moderator announced the following committees viz:

Devotional Exercises—T. C. Robblns with messengers from Mt. Vernon church.

Order of Business—G. W. Trivett, T. M. Hawkins and W. S, Farthing with Moderator and Clerk.

On Resolutions—I. C. Miller, D. C. Harmon and Edmond Green.

On Orphanage—W. E. Green, J. F. Church and Asa Brown.

On Correspondence—Allen Watson and W. W. Church.

On Sunday Schools—C. Tucker, A. Roten and David Green.

On Temperance—T. S. Robbins and M. P. Matheny.

On Foreign Missions—J. J. L. Sherwood, W. L. Green and H. H. Church.

On Finance—G. W. Shook and John Watson.

On Education—M. P. Matheny and T. L. Day.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported M. P. Matheny to preach tommorrow at 11 a m and Asa Brown at 2:30 p. m.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. Friday.

Friday 9 a. m. Met as per adjournment and engaged in devotional exercises for half an hour led by M. P. Matheny.

Approved Minutes of previous day. Called the roll and marked absentees. On motion the question of Periodicals refered to Committee on Resolutions, to be called up at the pleasure of the body.

Committee on Order of Business reported which report was adopted. The Committee on Orphanage reported as follows:

Report on Orphanage.

At Thomasville, N. C., we have an Orphanage in which 160 children are fed. clothed, schooled and taught to work and put under religious influences. These children are supported by the Baptist people of North Carolina. Brethren, we advise all our churches to take up a collection each month and forward same to them. Brethren, see to this work and the Lord will bless you. Those desiring to contribute the Gospel Mission Orphanage in Cuba can do so by sending it to Miss Jennie Edwards, Guanajay, Cuba.

ASA BROWN, Ch'm.

After discussion report was adopted.

Committee on Sunday Schools read their report as follows:

Report on Sunday Schools.

We are glad that our churches have all reported Sun-

day Schools and earnestly insist on all our churches to carry the work on as we believe it to be the work of Christ, and should be patronized by every member of the church.

C. TUCKER,
A. ROTEN, Com.

The repport was discussed and adopted.

M. P. Matheny preached from Rev. 2:1.

The time for preaching having arrived, after singing M. P. Matheny preached an impresive sermon from Rev. 2:1, subject: "The Church, the Ministry and the Holy Spirit

Prayer by J. J. L. Sherwood, Adjourned until 2 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order. The Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

The manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors is such a curse to humanity, and the well-fare of any community that no self respecting person can afford to countenance it by making it, selling it, using it, voting ior it, selling corn and fruit to make it, winking at it of in any way aiding or abutting it. We warn the young against it, we urge those who use it or make it to quit the soul destroying business. We exhort our churches not to tollerate it in any form. Let our motto be "touch not, taste not, handle not, the unclean thing," for therein lies our only safety. Resp't

M. P. Matheny and T. S. Robbins, Com.

Committee on Resolution reported:

1. That we reccomend as periodicals worthy of the patronage of all Baptists, The Soutoern Baptist, published by Matheny & Owen at Candler and Charlotte, N. C. The Missionrry Helper, Decatur, Ga., Charity and Children and Western Herald. We urge that all the members of this association do especially take the Southern Baptist as it is making a noble defense for our Gospel Mission princip'es.

Remarks by M. P. Matheny and others. The brethren gave G. W. Trivett a Teachers Bible and Southern Baptist.

2nd. On consolidation of Associations:

2. Whereas many of the churches, of this association are in the bounds of the Three Forks association and vice verson. Therefore be it resolved: 1. That it is sense of this association that it and the Three Forks association be consolidated. 2. That a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Three Forks association as to a basis upon which consolidation can be made and report next year. 3. That the committee be instructed that it is the sense of this body that it would be more satisfactory that both associations withdraw from the State Convention. 4. That our churches consider this matter and instruct their messengers on this question for the next session of this body.

The Mod., Clerk and Wm. Lee were appointed as the committee.

3. That we do most heartily tender our thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this vicinity for the kindness and hospitality shown us during this session of this body all of which is respectfully submitted

I. C. MILLER.

SATURDAY—Morning Session.

The body met according to adjournment. Prayer by A. Roten. Minutes of previous day read and approved.

Committee on devotion exercisas reported D. C. Har-

man to preach at 11 a. m. and I. C. Miller at 2:30 p. m.

Committee on foreign missions reported as follows:

Report on Foreign Missions.

Your Committee are more and more impressed with the importance of the work of giving the gospel to the world. There are two plans of operation among Southern Baptists in this great work. One is called the Board plan and the other the other the Gospel Mission plans The Board plan has been in operation since 1845 and has 78 missionaries and expends $110.000, while the Gospel Mission movement began in 1892 and has 28 missionaries and edpends $8000 as near as can be known. We believe the Gospel Mission plan to be in accord with the New Testament because it puts the responsibility of this work upon the Holy Spirit and the churches, we therefore think that it would be wise for our churches to adopt this plan.

J. J. L. SHERWOOD,
H. H. CHURCH, Com.

The report was discussed by M. P. Matheny and J. J. L. Sherwood after which a collection for T. L. Blalock was taken amounting to $7.07. Adjournment to 2 p. m.

The congregation repaired to the stand and D. C. Harman preached a feeiing sermon from Acts 17:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Assciation called to order. At this hour I. C. Miller met the people at the stand and preached.

Treasurer reported as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

Received from the association last year the following:

Minute Fund,	$10.75.
Orphanage,	5.10.
Missions, (Public collections,)	2.78.
Total	$18.63

Paid for printing minutes, mailing expenses and paper $6.75.

Paid to Orphanage,	5.10.
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Paid to Clerk,	4.00.
Total,	$18.63.

On motion the clerk was appointed treasurer and to superintend the printing of the minutes. He to have $4 for his services.

On motion, agreed to hold the next session with Wa-

tauga church Thursday before 2nd Sunday in Sept. 1900 at one o'clock, p. m. Edmond Green to preach the introductory sermon; Wm. M. Lee, alternate.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported M. P. Matheny and J. J. L. Sherwood to preach on Sunday at 11 a. m.

Minute of the days proceedings read and adopted. On motion, adjourned to time and place. Singing and parting hand-shaking.

SUNDAY.

Elders M. P. Matheny and J. J. L. Sherwood preached at the stand to a great crowd of people, after which a collection was taken for the orphanage. This closed one of the best meeting of the Stoney Fork Association.

CLERK.

Churches	Pastor	Clerks	P. O.	By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Meeting Days.	Ordain'd Ministers	Licenciates.	Minute Fund.	Gospel Missions.	Orphanage.	Superintendent.	No. Enrolled.	Av. Attendance	Expenses.	Orphanage.
Boons Fork	J M Payne	J C Church	Foscoe	1	2		9	3	1	45	2			75		1.89	J F Church		30		
*Buffalo Cove	I C Miller	R H Pipes	†BuffaloCove	3	2	1	4	3	1	106	4		2	60	3.00	2.00	R H Pipes	75	39		2.00
Doe Ridge	W F Knight	T S M Green	Silver Stone	11	1		2	1		57	3			1 00			B F Hodges	57	31		
Elk																					
Laurel Fork	E M Gragg	A J Shull	Aho						1	77	3	1		90			A J Shull				
†Mt. Vernon	David Green	T L Day	Bamboo	3				2	2	137	1			150	9.99	2.00	N L Harrison	66	55	5.54	
Mt. Paran	W N Church	A Watson	Stoney Fork	1	3		2		1	28	4			50							
Mt. Ephrain	" "	N S Hampton	Triplett		2				1	48	1			75							
New Hopewell	R S Hayes	D Coffey	Gragg	1			1	6	1	78	1			70							
New River	Asa Brown	R M Phillip	Todd	6	4		1			37	1	1		60		1.23	J S Brown	56	24		
Poplar Grove	G W Trivett	J M Hodges	Boon	5	3	3				68	4	1	2	80		0.10	D Layell	41	30		
Stoney Fork	Wm M Lee	W E Green	Stoney Fork		1	3			1	158	2	1	2	100	1.00	1.00					
Watauga	G W Trivett	A C Culloway	Foscoe	15	1	1	17	1	3	91	2	1		100							
Yellow Hill	Wm M Lee	H L Bashear	Summit		3	1	6	1		111	3	4	2	70			H H Church	78	62	3.75	
Collection															2.87	2.87					
			Total	51	24	9	43	19	12	1041		9	8	1090	20.16	7.72		373	271	9.29	2.00

*Ministerial aid $12.40. Pastor $21.86, Other Church Expenses $2 35.

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